

VISITATION PARISH

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 4, 2022



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

Confessions

Saturday 3:00 pm

Weekday Masses (St. Joseph Chapel)

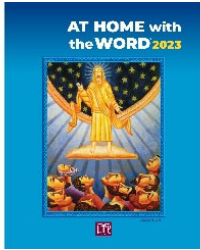
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday.....6:45 am
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday..... 8:15 am
Saturday..... 8:15 am

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY



NOW ON SALE!

At Home with the Word

This annual resource guides you to a deeper understanding of the Sunday Scriptures, providing the readings for the new liturgical year, insights from Scripture

scholars and action steps for living the Gospel. You can purchase your copy in the church narthex or parish office for a donation of \$5.

PEACE TREE

Don't forget:

- Return donations by **Sunday, December 11**, please tape gift tag to the gift.
- Help sort gifts with us after the 8:00 am Mass on **Sunday December 11**
- Deliver gifts to agencies on **Monday, December 12**. Please call Marny Sherman at 816-509-2892 if you want to help or if you have questions.



Thank you for supporting these agencies and for helping spread the joy of Christ's love this Advent!

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

Visitation offers a Baptism Preparation class for new parents six times a year. The next class will be **Saturday, December 17 from 9:00 – 11:00 am in the church narthex**. We will prayerfully walk through the Rite of Baptism and learn about its ancient and rich sacramental symbols.

- New parents are required to complete Baptism preparation prior to their child's baptism.
- All are welcome! Parents who want a "refresher," or godparents wishing to deepen their understanding of Baptism, are encouraged to attend the class.

NEW: VISITATION VOCATIONS COMMITTEE

Are you interested in supporting vocations to the priesthood and religious life in our parish and Diocese? Visitation has a new initiative for that! Once a quarter, we are going to celebrate our religious vocations, and we would love for YOU to join us! Please contact Claudia Greim, Kevin Connor or Gary Smith if you are interested, and look for upcoming announcements listing specific opportunities to participate!

OUR SYMPATHY

We, a parish community, extend our prayers and sympathy to Teresa Olsen on the death of her mother, Pat Woodrum; and to Ava Valdez on the death of her mother, Magdalene Valdez.

REMEMBER OUR SICK

Chace Brundige

Pamela Atherton
Maggie Quirarte Bates
Marilyn Frechin Blank
Leonardo Borders
Bernice Campbell
Mike Caraway
Shari Caraway
Marianne Carl
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Olivia Connealy
Jean Cummings
Allie May Dudenhoeffer
Bill Fuss
Shana Gadt
Brooke Kuechler Harris
Darlene Henninger
Mike Henninger
Bill Hodes
Joe Irwin
William Jewell
Lee Jones
Jaquie Kallman
Peg Kallman
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Bryan Larson
Betsy Lazere
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Mary Lipari

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Scott Martens
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Thomas McNamara
Tricia Melland
Birdie Mendence
Andy Metzler
Lionel Morgan
Jennifer Olson
Charles Oppenlander
Nicholas Parscale
Nicola Pistone
Kat Potter
Peggy Pruitt
Ruth Quirarte
Quinn Regan
Theresia Ritchie
Ellie Rose
The Ryan Family
The Saalberg Family
Fran Schuetz
Barbara Schulte
Marialice Searcy
Aimee Sesler
Sandra Sharp
Special Intention
Jeannie Sullivan
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, Ft. Leavenworth, KS; Maj. Chris Oppenlander, Hill Airforce Base; Maj. Gisselle Oppenlander, Hill Airforce Base; Staff Sgt. Louis Perez, San Diego, CA.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR
DECEMBER 6-11**

Tuesday, December 6
6:45 am Jim Lynch †
8:15 am Larry Seep †

Wednesday, December 7
6:45 am Judy Vincent †
8:15 am Leo Schneider †

Thursday, December 8
6:45 am Sam Serrano †
8:15 am Mae Brown †
12:00 Noon For the People of Visitation

Friday, December 9
8:15 am Becca Lueke †

Saturday, December 10
8:15 am Jessie Martinez †
4:00 pm For the People of Visitation

Sunday, December 11
8:00 am Tadeusz Zakrzewski †
10:30 am Anthony Quirarte, Sr. †

LITURGICAL MINISTERS DECEMBER 10-11

	4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
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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 2022-23

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STEWARDSHIP

2023 ANNUAL APPEAL

"That's a part of the strength of this community, the support that people give to each other. That's a key element of any community – people knowing, loving and supporting each other." – Fr. Norman Rotert

This quote was part of our 100th anniversary commemorative book, *Visitation: A Century of Faith*. In his description of the Visitation community, our former pastor, the late Norman Rotert, describes what many of us know about Visitation – it is family where people know, love and support each other. Together, we pray, learn, serve, grow and experience the joys and sorrows of life. It is the responsibility of each of us, as members of the Visitation family, to do our part to keep this community strong by sharing our gifts in whatever ways we are able.

We hope you have found time to read the 2021-2022 Annual Report that was mailed to your home. It provided a detailed financial accounting of your gifts to the parish over the past year as well as statistics and anecdotes about our parish's accomplishments. More recently, you should have received a letter from Msgr. Offutt asking for your continued financial support in 2023. After reading the letter, we invite you to prayerfully consider what you are able to give in calendar year 2023, then complete the enclosed pledge form and return in the envelope provided. You may also set up your pledge online by visiting our parish website at www.visitation.org and clicking the 2023 Annual Appeal link in the scrolling banner. If you have any questions about the annual appeal, please contact Megan Burdolski at 816-753-5155 x1305 or megan@church.visitation.org.

GIVING AT VISITATION

As we near the end of the calendar year, we would be grateful if all 2022 pledges were fulfilled by year end. For those of you who are uncertain of your remaining pledge balance, feel free to contact Megan Burdolski to check. If you did not make a pledge but consistently give a year-end gift, we value your past support and appreciate any contribution you make this year. Please allow adequate mail or processing time depending on your type of transaction to enable us to credit the donation by December 31, 2022 for possible tax-deduction purposes. There are numerous ways to contribute:

- Drop an offertory envelope in the collection at Mass.
- Mail a check to the parish office.
- Call us to set-up a one-time or regular, automated gift using your bank account or credit/debit card.
- Send your contribution via the online banking offered by your bank.
- Use the online giving tab on our parish website for a one-time gift: www.visitation.org.
- Donate appreciated assets.
- Make a charitable distribution from your IRA.

Please keep in mind that we distribute offertory envelopes based on your giving preferences. For those who use them, we send bi-monthly packets with envelopes for all Sundays, special collections and our Visitation Capital Improvement Fund. For those who utilize our automated giving options for tithing but would also like to support other purposes, we send a quarterly packet of envelopes containing only special collections and our Capital Improvement Fund. We can also change your preference to none if you never use the envelopes. Please notate your preference on your pledge form or contact the parish office to make a change. If you have any questions regarding your pledge balance or how to initiate an automated withdrawal, gift of stock or any other type of transaction, please contact Megan Burdolski, Director of Stewardship, at 816-753-5155 x1305 or megan@church.visitation.org.



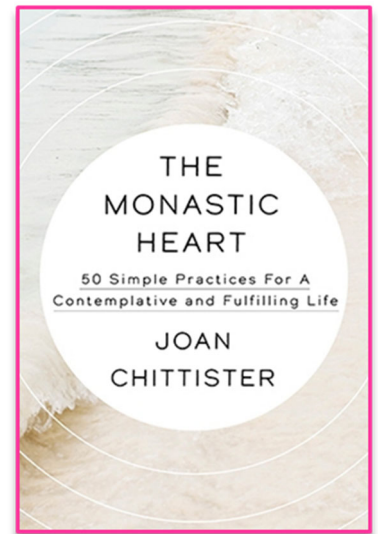
FAITH FORMATION



The Faith Formation Team is happy to announce this year's parish book, *The Monastic Heart: 50 Simple Practices for a Contemplative and Fulfilling Life* by Sr. Joan Chittister.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Joan Chittister is a Benedictine Sister and one of the most influential religious and social leaders of our time. For over 50 years she has passionately advocated on behalf of peace, human rights, women's issues, and monastic and church renewal. She has served as president of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious and president of the Conference of American Benedictine Prioresses. And for 12 years, she was prioress of her community, the Benedictine Sisters of Erie, Pennsylvania.

ABOUT THE BOOK: This book carries the weight and wisdom of the monastic spiritual tradition into the twenty-first century. Sister Joan leans into Saint Benedict, who, as a young man in the sixth century, sought moral integrity in the face of an empire not by conquering or overpowering the empire but by simply living an ordinary life extraordinarily well. This same monastic mindset can help us grow in wisdom, equanimity, and strength of soul as we seek restoration and renewal both at home and in the world. At a time when people around the world are bearing witness to human frailty—and, simultaneously, the endurance of the human spirit—*The Monastic Heart* invites readers of all walks to welcome this end of certainty and embrace a new beginning of our faith. Without stepping foot in a monastery, we can become, like those before us, a deeper, freer self, a richer soul - and, as a result, a true monastic, so "that in all things God may be glorified."



PICK UP YOUR BOOK IN THE NARTHEX AFTER MASSES ON DECEMBER 10 & 11!

RCIA

The next "Open R.C.I.A." session is **December 6** from 6:00 - 8:00 pm in the Faith Formation Room. Please join us, invite a friend and spread the word. All seekers and learners are welcome!

Topic: Order of the Mass, Part 1

Speakers: Peg and Dave Ekerdt



SCHOOL OF RELIGION



ADVENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WHOLE HOUSEHOLD!

December 5 - An Advent Story for Little Ones

Maureen Noonan - parishioner, storyteller and retired Kindergarten teacher - will share an engaging story about Advent with our littlest ones. All Pre-K - 1st graders are welcome in the Narthex after opening prayer.

December 12 - Sacrament of Penance for Adults and Older Children

Prepare for Jesus' coming at Christmas by celebrating God's enduring mercy through the Sacrament of Penance. Fr. Charles Rowe will be with us to hear confessions from any SOR

adult or older child in need of mercy and forgiveness.

December 19 - Christmas Caroling with Visitation Choir members

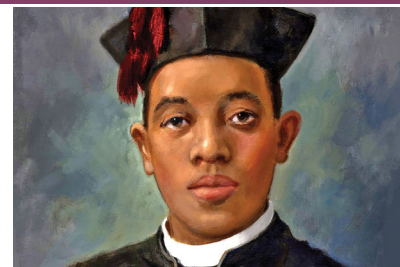
We'll gather in the church for some singing lessons from Alejandro Manso, Liturgy and Music Director. Then we'll go out and use our voices to spread the joy of Christmas to our neighbors.

RACIAL JUSTICE

VENERABLE FATHER AUGUSTUS TOLTON

This is the 5th in a series on United States Black Catholics who are in the process of being named saints of the Catholic Church.

Born and baptized Augustus, ordained Augustine, and called “Good Father Gus” by friends later in his life, Augustus Tolton is the first Black Catholic priest in the United States. His cause for canonization was formally sponsored by the Archdiocese of Chicago in 2010 with the dioceses of Springfield, Illinois and Jefferson City, Missouri, where Tolton lived, joining the cause. Pope Benedict gave him status of Servant of God in 2012 and Pope Francis advanced the process naming Fr. Tolton Venerable 2019.



This painting of Venerable Father Augustus Tolton is reprinted through the courtesy of the National Black Catholic Congress.

Augustus was born (1854) a poor slave in a farming community called Brush Creek near Hannibal, a port town in Missouri, a slave state on the west side of the Mississippi. When Augustus was quite young, his father left the family to join the Union Army, seeking to gain his freedom from slavery. After Augustus’ mother, Mary Jane was severely whipped in the presence of Augustus and his brother, she escaped with her two boys, seeking freedom across the river in Quincy, Illinois, a free state.

The family had been baptized Catholic by their enslavers, and in Quincy, they found other Black Catholics. They found as well Fr. Peter McGirr whose lifelong advocacy of Augustus began with getting Augustus into the Catholic school in Quincy. Augustus was a bright student and learned quickly and in his early days, experienced a calling to priesthood.

With McGirr’s help and Tolton’s perseverance, two lines of action developed: McGirr began the process of contacting seminary after seminary, making the case for accepting Augustus into their program. At the same time, Augustus continued to pile up credits in languages and liberal arts. Augustus Tolton was turned down by every U.S. seminary approached. It was a process that took years, facing discrimination every step of the way.

After a decade long effort, and after being rebuffed by every seminary contacted in the United States because he was Black, the breakthrough came: Augustus was accepted and enrolled at Rome’s Urbana College. The Urbana was a seminary for missionaries and had an international student body. With his solid academic start, Augustus expanded his proficiency in German, Italian, Latin, Greek and some African dialects. And in 1886, at the age of 32, Fr. Augustine Tolton was ordained.

Discrimination did not stop with ordination. Expecting to be assigned to Africa, Fr. Tolton was instead assigned to Quincy Illinois, first to a parish in decline, then to a larger parish. While some Catholics were supportive, he was impeded by considerable opposition and discrimination, not least from other priests.

A fresh opportunity came in an invitation to transfer and pastor a parish in Chicago. There he pioneered in developing St Monica, a Black congregation on the model of a national parish. Starting with 30 members, the parish grew to over 600.

Bishop Joseph Perry of Chicago, Fr. Tolton’s biographer and advocate for his cause, writes realistically but inspiringly of Tolton’s characteristics: unresentful after what he had suffered, a model priest, a Christ-servant, one who had to wrestle with disappointments, fear, racial hatred and animosity, and hurt. Yet he never lost his desire to serve and help all people, Black or White, rich or poor.

In a tragic turn, on a brutal hot day, July 9, 1897, returning from a long and demanding trip giving talks, he collapsed on a Chicago street and died shortly after. He was 43. Throughout his life, Fr. Tolton modeled patience, determination, perseverance and acceptance of what was given to him in life. He was “a bright light in a dark time.” (Perry)

May we carry with us that Light that perseveres in the midst of darkness.
Venerable Augustine Tolton, pray for us.



WOMEN OF VISITATION

Holiday
Bunko



December 14, 2022
7:00 pm **Tighe Hall**

WOV Holiday Bunko is a free event - donations will be accepted to help fund the various ministries provided by the Women of Vis.



**ALL LADIES ARE INVITED
TO JOIN US FOR AN
EVENING OF FUN AND
FELLOWSHIP!**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

PANCAKE BREAKFAST NEXT WEEKEND

The Visitation Knights of Columbus will be offering a tasty pancake breakfast next Sunday, December 11 from 9:00 -10:30 am in Tighe Hall. Join us for fresh grilled pancakes, egg casserole, breakfast potatoes, coffee and juice. Price is any donation to benefit the Children's Place in honor of Becca Lueke.

FRONT PORCH COAT DRIVE

Our Visitation Knights' Annual Front Porch Coat Drive is underway. Drop off your donations of coats, gloves, hats, blankets and other winter items in the large boxes on the front porches of the Vasquez (5415 Baltimore), Steinert (5818 Central) and Fedinets (433 W. 69th St.) homes through January 7. Please clean out your basements, closets and kids' rooms to show the generosity for which Visitation is always known.

Birthday Party for Jesus

WITH SPECIAL GUEST SANTA!

Sunday, December 18th
9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
Tighe Hall

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DINING OUT



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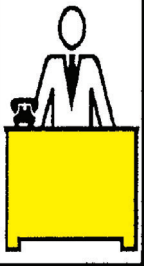
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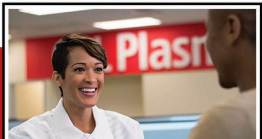
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Golden Shamrocks **St. Nicholas Luncheon**

Tuesday, December 6
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*Soup and salad luncheon - vegan/
gluten-free options available.*
*Bring a wrapped white elephant gift
for our White Elephant Bingo if
you'd like. No gift required to play.*



RSVP to the Parish Office at 816-753-7422.

GAUDETE HAPPY HOUR

*Celebrate with us
this Advent!*

Saturday, December 10 4:00 pm Mass
Happy Hour following in the narthex

The 3rd Sunday of Advent is known as Gaudete Sunday.
Gaudete is Latin for "Rejoice in the Lord Always!" In anticipation
of the coming of the Lord, join us for Happy Hour following
4:00 pm Mass on Saturday, December 10 to celebrate our Catholic
faith and the Visitation community.