

# VISITATION PARISH

## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### JANUARY 21, 2024



#### 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

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



## WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

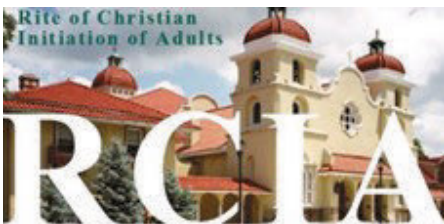
### 2023 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Contribution statements or acknowledgement letters for calendar year 2023 are being emailed or mailed this week. Please watch your mail and check your inbox for an email from Megan Burdolski or Joni Chichuk. If you do not receive your statement by February 1, please contact Megan Burdolski, Director of Stewardship at [megan@church.visitation.org](mailto:megan@church.visitation.org) or 753-5155 x1305. Please take time to carefully review your statement and contact Megan with any discrepancies or questions you may have.

### BAPTISMS AT VISITATION

Baptisms for children (ages 0 – 6 years) may be scheduled on the first and third weekends of the month; both during and after Masses. Learn more about baptisms at Visitation on our website under the “Sacraments” tab.

### CURIOUS ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC?



If you are a baptized adult and already actively participating in the parish

community but are not Catholic, we invite you to consider the R.C.I.A. process. After an initial meeting with a pastoral minister, it may be possible for you to enter the Catholic Church at this year's Easter Vigil (March 30, 2024). Contact Teresa Albright at [teresa@church.visitation.org](mailto:teresa@church.visitation.org) or 816-753-5155 x1306

### CONFIRMATION

See you tonight, Sunday, **JANUARY 21 at 7:00 pm** for candidates only. Bring your journal!

Remind your sponsors they may attend the Church tour with Steve Engler on February 4 or 5.



## ROSARY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH COMMUNITY IS HELD EVERY WEDNESDAY IN THE ST. JOSEPH CHAPEL AT 8:00 PM.

*LIVESTREAMED ON FACEBOOK*

### REMEMBER OUR SICK

Earl Adam	Scott Martens
Brian Adams	Tim McNamara
Pamela Atherton	Thom McNamara
Maggie Quirarte Bates	Pam Murray
Bryan Bownick	Peggy Pruitt
Marianne Carl	Theresia Ritchie
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Erin Kallman	Jeannie Sullivan
Kevin Koch	Salvador Valldeperas, Sr.
Bryan Larson	Annabelle Whalen
Jeanne Lendabarker	Dave Wittrock
	Leigh Ann Zeller

### SICK LIST UPDATE

Please call Jenny Greene to request an individual be added to our list. We ask that you leave a contact name and number. We will follow up with each request quarterly to keep the list current and to offer additional support as needed.

*The parish community continues to pray for parish members and their families who are serving in the armed services: Maj. Philip Martin, Ft. Leavenworth, KS; Maj. Chris Oppenlander, Hill Airforce Base; Maj. Gisselle Oppenlander, Hill Airforce Base; Master Sgt. Louis A. Perez, Naval Air Station, Pensacola, FL.*

### FUNERAL MEAL TEAMS

On Deck: Team # 9

On Alert: Team # 8

## PASTOR'S CORNER



Dear Parishioners,

I'm in Florida as you read this and am grateful for some time to rest and enjoy the beauty of the ocean. It's been since last January that I've seen the ocean, and that's far too long for me! It is definitely my preferred destination when traveling. I love the mountains, I love cities, I love lakes, I even love the wide open prairies, but the ocean is always my first choice. Its expanse and beauty, its might and mystery inspire me immediately. Prayer happens pretty naturally for me when I'm at the ocean. Know I am praying for you and give thanks for the last six months since I arrived at Visitation. It's been very busy, and full of grace as well. Getting unpacked and settled in the midst of such dynamic ministries and such a busy calendar has kept me on my toes! I told somebody that moving into a parish feels like joining a book club when everyone else is almost finished with the book! There is so much to learn and synthesize, let alone accomplish, that the first year can feel pretty overwhelming. I know this week away will bring refreshment and renewal!

Peace,

Fr. Greg

## FUTURE PRE-SCHOOL AT VISITATION

Families,

We understand there has been much discussion and anticipation about the possibility of an ECC at Visitation; please know that remains our future goal. However, with growth in our school and expansion of school programs – all areas of exciting and positive growth – we must prioritize space for these areas of growth for K-8. This will unfortunately preclude Visitation from pursuing a preschool in the immediate future including the fall of 2024. Enrollment opens for many area early education centers (ECCs) very soon. With that in mind, we wanted to share this message so families with preschool-aged children may plan accordingly.



We hope young families will continue to find an abundant source of community within our parish and our robust parent-led Mothers of Young Children (MYOC) program in the years leading up to their first day at Visitation School.

Faithfully yours,

Fr. Greg Haskamp, Pastor

Mary Kallman, Principal

P.S. We encourage families with preschool-aged children to attend our school Open House next Saturday, January 27. Please look at the ad on the next page of this bulletin for details!

SCHOOL



PLEASE JOIN US



# OPEN HOUSE

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[Young families, it's never too early to start thinking ahead!]

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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY 23 - 28

**Tuesday, January 23**  
6:45 am Maria Eugenia Morillo †  
8:15 am Cathy Campbell †

**Wednesday, January 24**  
6:45 am Martha Beckers †  
8:15 am Ed FitzGerald †

**Thursday, January 25**  
6:45 am Will Motter †

**Friday, January 26**  
8:15 am John O'Malley †

**Saturday, January 27**  
8:15am Maurice Boucher †  
4:00 pm Laura McGinley †

**Sunday, January 28**  
8:00 am People of Visitation  
10:30 am Sharon Trave †

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS JANUARY 27-28

	4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
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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 2023-24

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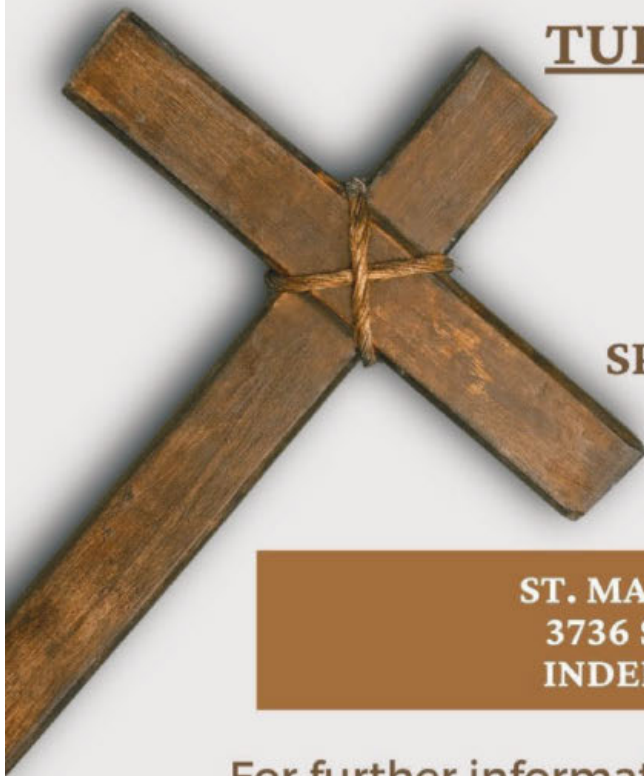
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## SOCIAL CONCERNS

### WEEKLY FOOD COLLECTION FOR REDEMPTORIST SOCIAL SERVICES



Next week's food collection benefits Redemptorist Social Services Center, one of the largest food pantries in Jackson County. They have been serving the poor and elderly in our community for almost 30 years. They help their clients address basic needs ranging from providing food, clothing, utility and medical needs to legal assistance, transportation and senior services. Food assistance is available through their food pantry open Monday through Friday. They are grateful for any food they receive, but they also have a huge need for hygiene items such as toothpaste, deodorant, toilet

paper and shampoo.

#### ONE CITY CAFE

Everyone is welcome to join us every 2nd & 4th Thursday (next on January 25) of the month, 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm. The volunteer schedule is flexible. You can come late or leave early and still be a major contributor. With the new design of the space, there is a need for at least 15 volunteers. For more information, contact Bill Staggs at 816-304-3264 or [willstaggs48@gmail.com](mailto:willstaggs48@gmail.com).



#### SISTER PARISH

##### SAVE THE DATE!

The next medical delegation is scheduled for **October 5-12**. Planning is in the works! We are in need of doctors, nurses, physical therapists and other medical professionals. Volunteers will serve in Madre's medical clinic treating hundreds of patients from the community surrounding Santa Maria, one of the poorest neighborhoods in El Salvador. If you are a medical professional and are interested in participating in this missionary experience, please contact Jan Fakoury at [mollychris@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mollychris@sbcglobal.net).



#### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY VEHICLE DONATION PROGRAM



Do you have a vehicle (car, truck, motorcycle, boat) that you would like to dispose of? Donating a vehicle to our parish St. Vincent de Paul Society can make a difference in the lives of so many of the poor and needy we serve. The process is simple. We do the work for you, and in return you will receive a tax receipt for your generous donation. Please call 816-701-6902 for more information.



# SCHOOL OF RELIGION

## SCHOOL OF RELIGION CLASSES RESUME MONDAY, JANUARY 22

### SPRING SCHEDULE

- *Mondays Classes:* January 22, 29; February 12, 26; March 25; April 15, 22, 29; May 13
  - *Sunday Classes:* February 4, March 3, April 7, May 5
  - *Parent First Communion Meeting:* February 26 at 6:30 pm
- *First Communion Retreat with Vis School:* April 5 at 8:00 am
  - *First Communion Rehearsals:* April 15, 22
  - *Last Class/Talent Show/Family Dinner:* May 13

## YOGA AT VIS

### TAI CHI AND YOGA AT VISITATION PARISH

The following classes are offered for the community at Visitation Parish:

**Gentle Hatha, Mondays 8:30 am** - In this class we blend breath and movement with an emphasis on alignment. Students build endurance and strength while improving flexibility. We focus on the poses that build the foundation of our yoga practice, learn basic stretches, breathing techniques, and proper alignment in a relaxed setting. This class is great for beginners and those who want to move at a gentle pace or work on the foundation poses.

**Vinyasa, Wednesdays 8:30 am** - Vinyasa emphasizes flowing movement, incorporating Sun Salutations, breathing techniques and more complex poses. Students improve stamina, strength and flexibility. Variations will be offered. All levels of experience are welcome.

**Tai Chi, Fridays 8:30 am** - Tai Chi is for all levels. The focus is on balance, muscle strengthening, and flexibility through slow and gentle movements.

*Linda also offers individual yoga sessions and private group sessions (work, friends, book club, community organizations, special events...)*

Fee: \$10 each, please pay Linda Heinen via Venmo, cash or check.

Venmo: @Linda-Heinen-4

If you have any questions for Linda contact her at [linda.r.heinen@gmail.com](mailto:linda.r.heinen@gmail.com) or 816-591-0233 (texts are welcome!) Linda Heinen, 200RYS Yoga Instructor, CPR/AED Certification, 2.5 years experience in Tai Chi



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 ), 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.



## RACIAL JUSTICE

### VISITATION RACIAL JUSTICE UPDATE

**Just Faith is back—beginning Wednesday, January 31.** The RJC will offer Just Faith's eight week series, Racial Healing. Offered in a small group format, this series is interesting, informative, thought provoking and enriching. The parish provides the books—all one needs to do is register, attend and read the material for each week. It's important to come to as many sessions as possible but perfect attendance is NOT required or possible for most. (The group will not meet on February 14 or during spring break).

*"In July and August of 2023, I had the pleasure of being one of a number of "students" who participated in an eight week class in the Just Faith series on racial healing... "Embracing Truth, Justice and Restoration." Even as an Old Civil Rights activist at 91 years old I learned so much from these 8 classes. I urge the old and the young regardless of your activism or non-activism to consider enrolling in these 8 week classes if you desire to broaden your knowledge in your faith and your consciousness on social justice."* - Alvin Brooks

*"I thought I knew about slavery. But what I knew was just the tip of the iceberg. What I found out was the deep, rooted cruelty, and inhumanity that people use against other people. Therefore, I have a better empathy for the anger and frustration of African-Americans and people who have been enslaved over the years. I would highly recommend this series although sometimes it's difficult to watch, hear and read about."* - Mary Beth Cicchetti

Please consider this your Lenten gift to yourself and to others who will join you in the group. Please contact Linda Hughes ([lteach20@gmail.com](mailto:lteach20@gmail.com)), Karen Miller ([karen@church.visitation.org](mailto:karen@church.visitation.org)) or Peg Ekerdt ([peggyekerdt@gmail.com](mailto:peggyekerdt@gmail.com)) to register.

## SCENES FROM MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. WEEKEND



Once again we enjoyed celebrating Martin Luther King weekend with the combined choirs of St. Monica and Visitation at the 4:00 pm Mass on January 13.

On January 15, we gathered to remember and honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Members of our Visitation community read excerpts from Dr. King's *Letter From a Birmingham Jail*, moving the hearts and minds of all who gathered. The Racial Justice Committee is grateful to our nine readers, Mary Ann Heckman-Crowe, Bryce Dickmeyer, Cade Keenan, Sheila Goins, Fr. Pat Rush, Mike Garrett, Amanda Adams, Gwen Ficklin and Angel Kimera.

Thank you to so many of you, wonderful parishioners, who came to witness and participate in this prayer service. We are so very grateful for the magnificent gift of your presence.



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## JANUARY IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH

“Initiatives to combat human trafficking, while concretely aimed at dismantling criminal structure, must increasingly consider broader issues associated, for example, with the responsible use of technology and the communications media, to say nothing of exploring the ethical implications of models of economic growth that privilege profit over persons.” Pope Francis Address to the Members of the Santa Marta Group.

### **HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN MISSOURI**

According to the Human Trafficking Awareness hotline, since its inception in 2007, they have identified 1,524 cases of human trafficking and 3,160 victims in these cases. To learn more about this issue, go to [www.dhs.gov/bluecampaign](http://www.dhs.gov/bluecampaign) or the US Catholic Sisters website [www.alliancetoendhumantrafficking.org](http://www.alliancetoendhumantrafficking.org). Also, you can download the [\*\*ILAB Sweat and Toil\*\*](#) application which was created by the US Department of Labor. With the click of a button you can learn about the products you purchase which may be made using child labor, forced labor, and human trafficking around the world.

# THERE ARE DIFFERENT TYPES OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING



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