

THIRD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
VISITATION PARISH
JANUARY 22, 2023



"Come after me and I will make you fishers of men."

Matthew 4:19

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.

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

SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Classes resume this Monday, January 23 at 5:15 pm in the St. Joseph Chapel. Now accepting new registrations for the spring semester! Go to <https://www.visitation.org/> to register.

LENTEN BOOKLET DEADLINE

The Faith Formation Team is busy editing the annual parish Lenten reflection book. If you were asked to write a reflection and have not yet submitted your draft to a team member, please do so immediately. Our deadline to the printer is fast approaching!

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW PARISHIONERS

- Sarah Schwartz
- Katrina Yocum
- Lindsay & Sam Reagan & children Logan & Max

WANTED: FUNERAL MEAL CAPTAINS

Our Women of Visitation Funeral Meal Ministry is in great need of new funeral meal team captains. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please contact:

Kathy Diamond, kathypauldiamond@gmail.com
Amy Thompson, amywiedemanthompson@gmail.com
or Linda Williams (williamslindasue@gmail.com).



**PRAYING FOR OTHERS HELPS US
STAY CONNECTED TO GOD AND
TO ONE ANOTHER.**

REMEMBER OUR SICK

Pamela Atherton	Jorge Maldonado
Maggie Quirarte Bates	Scott Martens
Marilyn Frechin Blank	Priscilla McInnes
Leonardo Borders	Tim McNamara
Chase Brundridge	Thomas McNamara
Bernice Campbell	Tricia Melland
Mike Caraway	Birdie Mendence
Shari Caraway	Andy Metzler
Marianne Carl	Lionel Morgan
Beverly Cascone	Dede Murphy
Mary Beth Cicchetti	Jennifer Olson
Olivia Connealy	Charles Oppenlander
Jean Cummings	Nicholas Parscale
Allie May Dudenhoeffer	Nicola Pistone
Bill Fuss	Kat Potter
Shana Gadt	Peggy Pruitt
Brooke Kuechler Harris	Ruth Quirarte
Mike Henninger	Quinn Regan
Joe Irwin	Ellie Rose
William Jewell	The Ryan Family
Erin Kallman	The Saalberg Family
Jaquie Kallman	Fran Schuetz
Shirley Kempker	Barbara Schulte
Marriane Kersten	Aimee Sesler
Kevin Koch	Sandra Sharp
John Langle	Special Intention
Bryan Larson	Jeannie Sullivan
Betsy Lazere	Salvador Valldeperas, Sr.
Jeanne Lendabarker	Annabelle Whalen
Anthony Lipari, Sr.	Dave Wittrock
Mary Lipari	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 8&12

On Alert: Team 2

MASS INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY 24-29

Tuesday, Jan 24
6:45 am Adam Wacht †
8:15 am Margy Sonnenberg †

Wednesday, Jan 25
6:45 am Dick & Beattie Muraski †
8:15 am Will Motter †

Thursday, Jan 26
6:45 am Andrew Bock †

Friday, Jan 27
8:15 am Laura McGinley †

Saturday, Jan 28
8:15am Michael Siragusa †
4:00 pm Margy Sonnenberg †

Sunday, Jan 29
8:00 am For the People of Visitation
10:30 am Connie Perucca †

LITURGICAL MINISTERS JANUARY 28-29

	4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
ALTAR SERVERS	C. Elfrink B. Murray J. Sonnenberg	J. Deekan G. Greim W. Lueke	S. Munjak-Khoury B. Chaney K. Krull
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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

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YOGA AT VIS

WE ARE OFFERING THE FOLLOWING YOGA CLASSES FOR THE COMMUNITY AT VISITATION CHURCH. ALL CLASSES ARE HELD IN THE CHOIR ROOM.

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.



All Levels Flow, Mondays 5:30 pm - This all levels class combines fundamental alignment principles with flowing movement to build balance, strength and focus. Variations can be incorporated for students who are ready and willing to move their bodies with their breath. Some yoga experience is recommended though all are welcome! **You must sign up for this class by noon on Mondays. To sign up, text your name and class to Linda at 816-591-0233.**

Sunrise Yoga, Wednesdays 6:30 am - This is an all levels class designed to help you set the tone for your day! We will focus on posture, Sun Salutations and aligning breath with movement. This class is great for beginners and seasoned yogis alike. Begin your day by focusing your intentions, calming your mind and energizing your body! **You must sign up for this class by 7:00 pm Tuesdays. To sign up, text your name and class to Linda at 816-591-0233.**

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, but some yoga experience is recommended.

Don't see a class that works for your schedule? Contact Linda at 816-591-0233 to discuss other options. Classes are \$10 each, please pay Linda Heinen via Venmo, cash or check.

Venmo: @Linda-Heinen-4

If you have any questions for Linda, here is her contact information:

Linda Heinen, 200RYS Yoga Instructor, CPR/AED Certification
816-591-0233 (texts are welcome!)
linda.r.heinen@gmail.com

RACIAL JUSTICE



On January 16, over 200 people gathered in our church nave to remember and honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Using a prayer service created by the Center for Concern's Education for Justice project, 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 all who made this first annual event possible. Deepest thanks to our nine readers, Audrey Burns, Kristin Kratofil, Marie Effertz, Ruby Kennedy, Steve Miller, Mike Garrett, Zak Akagi-Bustin, Fr. Pat Rush, Gloria Lipari.

Thanks to Tim McCray, Sandy Midkiff and Dave Ekerdt whose gifts of direction and music enriched the prayer of us all. Thanks to our Vis School faculty, Gwen Ficklin, Diane VanBallas and AnaValdez whose collaboration supported and encouraged the attendance of our junior high students. Thanks to Keith Gard who filmed in advance a version of this prayer service that can be found on the parish YouTube channel and thanks to Melissa Lising who joined the other readers for the earlier service.



Finally-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.

"Keep us strong. Keep us calm. Help us to love our enemy. And above all, keep the fires of freedom burning in our hearts... (so that one day we may) wake up to find all men (and women) might vote, all children might get a decent education, every man and woman might have a job according to his/her abilities and where every man and woman might live together...violence and bloodshed and hatred and prejudice shall be no more. In Jesus' name we pray."

-Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



The RJC MLK Prayer Service Planning Subcommittee - Karen Miller, JoAnn Axtell, Clare Bond, Linda Hughes, Ruby Kennedy, Katie Levi and Peg Ekerdt.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

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. How can you help? For more information go to dhs.gov/blue-campaign or <https://sistersagainsttrafficking.org>.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Save the Date! Visitation has reserved 8 spots for a Habitat for Humanity team on February 25. If you are interested in being part of the team, please contact Karen Miller at karen@church.visitation.org or call 816-381-6914.



THANK YOU FROM ST. FRANCIS XAVIER FOOD PANTRY

Dear Visitation Parishioners,

You bless our food pantry so generously throughout the year! THANK YOU so much for the Aldi Gift Cards for our Christmas baskets. They are a blessing to our families in need at Christmas time.

We are also blessed throughout the year with the Emergency Assistance grants we receive from you. They allow us to purchase foods that we are unable to get from Harvesters.

May God richly bless you in 2023!

With Humble Thanks,
Sue Robb, St. Francis Food Pantry

FEED THE HUNGRY

WEEKLY FOOD COLLECTION FOR SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER

Next week's food collection benefits Saint Francis Xavier Food Pantry which has been around for over 30 years. SFX serves about 65 families per month in the food pantry providing USDA commodities, food pantry, bus passes, toiletry items, clothing vouchers and more.

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 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 for more information.

SCHOOL OF RELIGION

OFFERINGS FOR THE WHOLE HOUSEHOLD DURING THE S.O.R. HOLY HOUR

Note: For the safety of our children, there is only one entrance to the church spaces while S.O.R. is in session. Please enter through the church doors off Main St. The S.O.R. classrooms will remain behind locked doors.

Kid-friendly Prayer Service Weekly (5:15 – 5:30 pm) St. Joseph Chapel All Ages

Start school nights off on the right foot with this 15-minute prayer service that engages children and encourages them to live the Gospel message each day throughout the week.

Children's Religion Classes Weekly (5:30 – 6:15 pm) Narthex/Classrooms K – 6 Grade

We use a lectionary-based curriculum that introduces children to Scripture and the Catechism. (<https://www.pflaumweeklies.com/>) Also available through S.O.R. is a First Sacraments preparation Class for Reconciliation/Penance and Eucharist/Communion.

Homework/Project Space Weekly (5:30 – 6:30 pm) Tighe Hall 13 – 17 years

Tighe Hall is an open and monitored space where Junior High and High Schoolers can meet up to work on school projects together. The space has various art supplies available for use.

Open Prayer Spaces Weekly (5:15 – 6:30 pm) Church All Ages

The main sanctuary, Rosary Chapel, St. Joseph Chapel, and the Blessed Sacrament Chapel are open for private and communal prayer during the S.O.R. Holy Hour. Children under 16 not enrolled in classes must have adult supervision.

Yoga Flow Class Weekly (5:30 – 6:30 pm) Choir Room Adults

If the practice of yoga is one way you connect with God and center your week on Christ, adults are welcome at this all-levels yoga class, which combines fundamental alignment principles with flowing movement to build balance, strength and focus. \$10/session.

Communion Service Monthly (5:15 – 5:30 pm) St. Joseph Chapel All Ages

Monday is the only day Mass is not offered at Visitation. However, on the first Monday of the month, the Blessed Sacrament is distributed at a Communion Service led by a trained lay leader. This is a good opportunity for young children to witness their parents and older children demonstrate reverence for the Eucharist. All are welcome!

Family Dinners semi-Monthly (6:15 pm) Tighe Hall All Ages

The whole household is invited to stay after S.O.R. classes for the occasional family dinner. This is a great opportunity to include older siblings, grandparents, godparents, nannies, and neighbors in need. Our three Family Dinners scheduled this spring semester are "Breakfast for Dinner" on February 6, "Spaghetti and Meatballs" on April 3, and a "Potluck Picnic" on May 15.

Seasonal Penance Service Advent/Lent (5:30 pm) Baptistry Adults / 8+ yrs

Fr. Rowe, a priest in residence at Visitation, is here to offer Confession to the S.O.R. community during Advent and Lent. While their children are in class, parents are invited to examine their conscience and go to Confession without distraction. Older children in need of healing are also encouraged to participate.

Family-friendly Devotionals Per Semester (5:30 pm) Varies All Ages

Households can observe the liturgical seasons with these family-friendly activities: Christmas Caroling/Party with the Choir in December; child-friendly Stations of the Cross on March 6; and a Mary Crowning and Rosary on May 15.



Continuing the Conversation about RACISM AND OUR FAITH

Did you hear the news!!
St. Therese Little Flower
has a new school opening
in Fall 2023!

Our January conversation will now focus on how to support this new Catholic elementary school. Jeremy Lillig, Director of the Bright Futures Fund and Kendra Kemp McGee, Bright Futures Board Member, will be in attendance. We especially hope St. Therese Little Flower parishioners can attend and share their dreams and hopes for this new school.

Thursday, January 26, 2023

Visitation Catholic Church, Tighe Hall * 5141 Main St., KCMO 64112

Doors Open at 6:30 p.m.

Program begins at 7:00 p.m.



RSVP appreciated



FINANCIAL

December Contribution Income surpassed budget by \$40,762, or 7.5%, as the timing differences in parishioner giving patterns generated a positive turn at the end of the calendar year as members fulfilled their 2022 pledges. This surplus aligned with financial patterns seen in previous years. This month's positive contribution income has reduced the year to date shortfall to \$62,709 or 3.2% of budget expectations. Other Income, which includes ministries, program fees, miscellaneous one-time donations, School tuition, registration fees and before/after care fees had a deficit of \$4,129 in December, bringing our Total Operating Income for the month of December to a Surplus of \$36,633 or 6.21%.

Parish expenses in December were over budget by 3% or \$14,796, creating a Parish Net Income of \$21,838 for the month.

For the year to date, Contribution and Other Income show a deficit of \$33,910. Operating Expenses remain under budget by \$22,990, creating a deficit in our YTD Parish Net Income of 4.5% or \$10,920.

Compared to the prior fiscal year to date, Parish Net Income for 2022/2023 surpassed last year's results by \$37,151.

	Month of December 2022		
	Actual	Budget	Difference
Contribution Income	\$ 580,764	\$ 540,002	\$ 40,762
Other Income	\$ 46,186	\$ 50,315	\$ (4,129)
Total Operating Income	\$ 626,950	\$ 590,317	\$ 36,633
Operating Expense	\$ 503,725	\$ 488,930	\$ (14,796)
Net	\$ 123,225	\$ 101,387	\$ 21,838

	Fiscal YTD (July-December)		
	Actual	Budget	Difference
Contribution Income	\$ 1,889,252	\$ 1,951,961	\$ (62,709)
Other Income	\$ 960,702	\$ 931,903	\$ 28,799
Total Operating Income	\$ 2,849,954	\$ 2,883,864	\$ (33,910)
Operating Expense	\$ 2,639,242	\$ 2,662,232	\$ 22,990
Net	\$ 210,712	\$ 221,632	\$ (10,920)

	Fiscal YTD This Year	Fiscal YTD Last Year	Difference
Contribution Income	\$ 1,889,252	\$ 1,961,321	\$ (72,068)
Other Income	\$ 960,702	\$ 806,568	\$ 154,134
Total Operating Income	\$ 2,849,954	\$ 2,767,888	\$ 82,066
Operating Expense	\$ 2,639,242	\$ 2,594,327	\$ (44,915)
Net	\$ 210,712	\$ 173,561	\$ 37,151

PASTORAL CARE

ENGAGED COUPLES

Congratulations on your Engagement! Visitation welcomes you into the marriage preparation process that will enrich and equip you to experience a joy-filled marriage. Visitation's engaged couples who are preparing for marriage are guided in an insightful and life-giving marriage preparation process. Our process helps form essential marriage tools and establish a closer connection with our parish community. The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph sets the expectation that engaged couples will notify parishes at least nine months in advance of their weddings in order to participate fully in preparation for the sacrament of marriage. Over the years our parish community has learned this and, without exception, contacts the parish as soon as they are engaged. For the most part people have to do that in order to get the church and reception site dates lined up well in advance of nine months. More recently, couples who are going "home" (out of Kansas City) to be married have contacted the parish three - six months before their weddings which does not allow adequate time. To be fair to those couples themselves and to the 40+ couples currently in marriage preparation at Visitation, if you are newly engaged, please contact our pastoral associate, Chris Sanders at 753-5155 x1309 or chris@church.visitation.org so we can begin your new journey to married life.





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