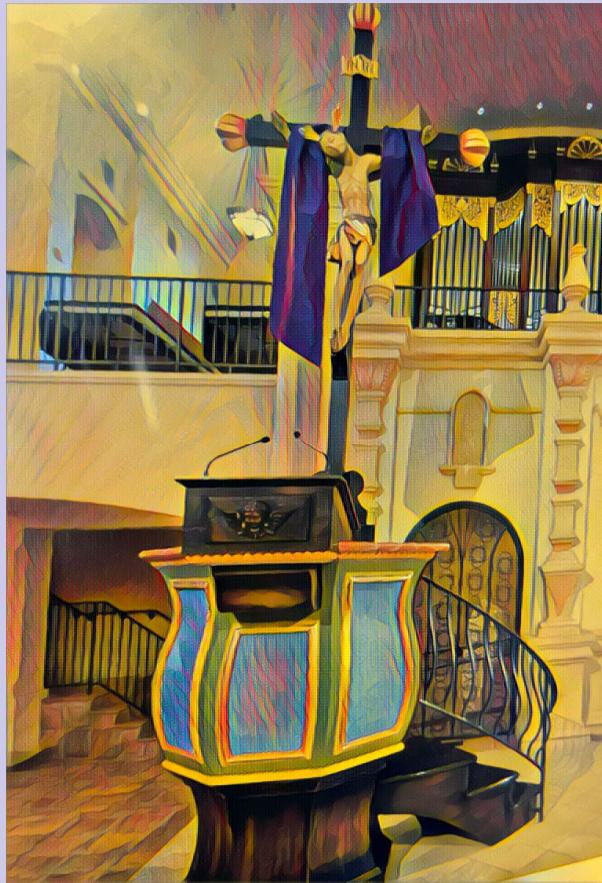


VISITATION PARISH

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 20, 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



CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:

Do you want to encounter Christ, engage in meaningful service opportunities and grow in your faith? If so, please save the date for **Sunday, June 5 - Wednesday June 8** and join other Visitation parishioners on this experience of the summer! If you are interested, please reach out to Karen Miller at karen@church.visitation.org or at 381-6914 for more details. Space is limited, so call soon!

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.



WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

REMEMBER OUR SICK

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Pamela Atherton
Maggie Quirarte Bates
Marilyn Frechin Blank
Dorothy Bock
Leonardo Borders
Mary Ann Brown
Mike Caraway
Shari Caraway
Marianne Carl
Beverly Cascone
Olivia Connealy
Jimmy Connell
Polly Donnelly
Allie May Dudenhoeffer
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Susie Haake
Brooke Kuechler Harris
Mike Henninger
Laura Horigan
Joe Irwin
William Jewell
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Peg Kallman
Shirley Kempker
Marriane Kersten
John Langle
Bryan Larson
Betsy Lazere
Jeanne Lendabarker
Anthony Lipari, Sr.
Jorge Maldonado
Priscilla McInnes
Tim MacNamara
Thomas McNamara
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Birdie Mendence
Andy Metzler
Lionel Morgan
Maggie O'Neill
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Charles Oppenlander
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Ellie Rose
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Aimee Sesler
Sandra Sharp
Special Intention
Robert Stumpff
Jeannie Sullivan
Tripp Thompson
Salvador Valddeperas, Sr.
Annabelle Whalen
Dave Wittrock
Leigh Ann Zeller

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.

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A LITTLE VISITATION

Hello Everyone,

A few weeks back I hosted at the rectory a little dinner for a wonderful couple I knew from my days at Lourdes Parish in Harrisonville. We fell into easy talk of old days and somehow or another the woman and I ended up in my sitting room surveying something. I forget what. Anyway, she spied a rather large table radio I have in there, a "tombstone" model from the middle 1930s. For years it lived in an ancient Gulf Station in Locust Bayou, Arkansas, where part of my paternal grandmother's family eked out a very modest existence. I told her that although it worked when I last switched it on, I had not fired it up in many years. I don't know what possessed me, I guess my friendship with the lady and her husband, but I snapped the worn wooden knob on the front of the thing to the "on" position and the big black dial lit up "Zenith" like an elderly man suddenly opening wide his eyes after a long nap. Soon the rough old beast was warm enough to catch radio waves and began playing KMBZ back to us. Then I turned the tuner knob to find other AM broadcasts and heard a sound that one does not encounter on modern radios; the static and faint, scratchy signals from faraway places between the stronger stations. It is a very distinctive, old time sound. I loved hearing it again. I think I have that in mind now because it is how my brain is tonight. I can think of subjects that merit a comment, but my cranium is fogged with static and weak signals, ranging wide and tired over too much territory. Let me see if I can tune into something intelligible.

Today a couple of folks from Hollis and Miller Architects came by to meet with a few of the staff and me. We talked of strategies to give the parish a chance to make its wishes known about renovations and additions to our school building. This is an important issue but, to my mind, it has been necessary to put it on the back burner of the big parochial stove until we are finished with our parish Synod conversations later this month. The Synod process is a unique, worldwide consultation of the Church, by the Church, and it is taking place most everywhere. Our Synodal conversations will happen in the church building Saturday, 26 March, from 9:00 to 11:30am and through "Zoom" Monday, 28 March, from 7:00 to 9:00pm. We ask that all interested parties register by calling the office so we can know how many people are coming and make our arrangements for detailed, structured conversation accordingly. I will say this again: The Synod is about the Roman Catholic Church trying to get better at listening to itself and speaking to itself. If you have thought about it very much, you might agree with me that there is significant room for improvement on that score. Our conversations will seek to surface the joys and frustrations that chronically abide in your heart about the Catholic Church in its worship, pastoral stances, and polities. The fruit of our parish conversations will be reported to the diocese. The diocese will convey the sense of its parishes to Rome. This will happen all over the world in parishes, schools, convents, monasteries, chanceries, presbyterates and episcopal conferences. I pray, and ask you to pray, that the process might transcend the banal and amplify the essential. May it be a catalyst toward whatever species of conversion the Holy Spirit means for the Church to digest. Thirty-five years ago, I vividly remember our diocesan bishop, John J. Sullivan, solemnly saying in a sermon to his priests, "A deaf Church, is a dead Church." He repeated it, over and over, like a mantra in prayer. In those days, I did not have the convictions of experience to quite understand what he found so urgently compelling about that insight. Now, along with a lot of you, I understand it painfully well.

And as for Hollis and Miller Architects, not so long after our Synod sessions everyone will be informed of still more big meetings and given opportunities to weigh in on how to clean-up, fix-up and build-up our school. Back in the beginning, my only desire was to get Kindergarten more safely situated in the Baltimore Street building than it is on Main Street. But after some months of talking and visiting a few other schools, I can see that our elementary school must be significantly freshened at a minimum and, perhaps, even re-envisioned in order to stay viable and vital in our world of today. We will do little more than polish the doorknobs if that is all you want. But I suspect you want more than that and, I think, you should want more than that. We need to bring security, technological, mechanical and ergonomic improvements to our school. If you strongly support it, we even need to bring kitchen facilities, storage and maybe even early childhood capacity to it also. It is going to depend on what you want and, of course, on what you are willing to pay for. So stay tuned. Our parochial radio is hot, the tubes are glowing, the dial is beaming, and there is much to broadcast, much to hear.

In our Holy Communion—Msgr. Bradley S. Offutt

SAINT OSCAR ROMERO

March 24, 1980

Archbishop Oscar Romero was murdered while celebrating Mass in El Salvador. Recognizing him as “a martyr for the faith”, Pope Francis canonized him in 2018. For the occasion, Pope Francis wore the same, blood-stained belt worn by Saint Romero on the day he died.

“A church that does not provoke any crisis, preach a gospel that does not unsettle, proclaim a word of God that does not get under anyone’s skin or a word of God that does not touch the real sin of the society in which it is being proclaimed, what kind of gospel is that?” Homily on April 16, 1978

“God’s best microphone is Christ, and Christ’s best microphone is the Church, and the Church is all of you. Let each one of you, in your own job, in your own vocation- nun, married person, bishop, priest, high school or university student, day laborer, wage earner, market women – one in your own place...live the faith intensely and feel that in your own surroundings you are a true microphone of God our Lord.” Homily on July 8, 1979

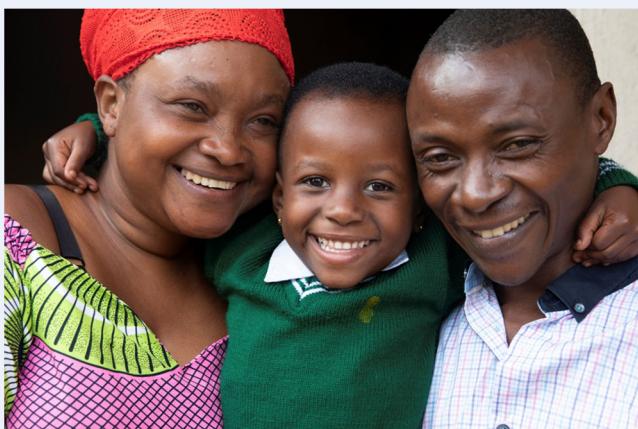
“The church, with its message, with its word, will meet a thousand obstacles, just as the river encounters boulders, rocks, chasms. No matter the river carries a promise: ‘I will be with you to the end of the ages’ and ‘the gates of hell shall not prevail’ against the will of the Lord.” Homily on December 8, 1977

On this 42nd anniversary of Saint Romero’s death, may we pause and reflect upon how his faithful witness compels us to act and live.



RICE BOWL

DRIVEN BY A DREAM



Malnutrition is widespread in Rwanda, but Gloriose and her husband are doing everything they can to keep their children healthy and set them up for success. From learning to grow a kitchen garden to participating in a micro-savings group, Gloriose and Karekezi know it takes many resources to help their children thrive. How have you helped others access what they need this Lent? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more. Please take your Rice Bowl today; they are available in the narthex!

RACIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE/FAITH FORMATION

The parish Racial Justice committee meets the second Thursday of the month. This is an update from the March 10 meeting.



Sub Committee Reports

- **Outreach:** This subcommittee supports the efforts of parish exchanges and JoAnn Axtell shared information about the upcoming events between St. Monica's/Visitation parishes: A discussion on Thursday, March 24 at 6:30 pm at St. Monica's and a March 27 Lenten prayer service at Visitation at 6:30 pm. All parishioners are invited to these two events.
- **Education Subcommittee: Youth for Change** met on March 6 at St. Monica's. Six young people from Vis and ten from St. Monica's discussed potential projects and identified leadership. Next Youth for Change meeting will be on April 24 at Visitation. Linda Hughes and Ramonda Doakes coordinate this effort.
- **Just Faith: Faith and Racial Healing** (the third 8-week session) is meeting Wednesday afternoons with registered participants Jan Fakoury, Larry Guillot, Bruce and Janie Palmer, Clare Bond, Audrey Burns, Katie Levi, Barb Truta, Kathleen Wiedeman, Megan Burdolski and Sarah Jane Stephenson. Kristin Kratofil and Peg Ekerdt are the facilitators.
- **Communication:** The committee has helped roll out three episodes of a **VisOnMain podcast about Open Wide Our Hearts**. Over 100 people have listened to the first episode with Fr. Brad, Emmet Pierson, Nancy Hesse, Sandy Midkiff, John Santner and Kara Bemboom-Grefrath discussing Open Wide Our Hearts. The second episode is now available featuring school parents.

New Initiatives Stirring Among Us?

Fr. Brad suggested that reaching out to converse and connect with individuals is often a great way to learn and increase understanding. Jan Fakoury seconded reaching out and suggested asking a friend to grab a hamburger at Jim's Diner, 69th and Prospect or the Equal Minded Cafe at 43rd and Troost. Other committee members suggested taking a friend to The Urban Café, or scheduling a meeting at The Combine or Equal Minded Care/Ubuntu Village. More new initiatives will evolve—of that we are confident as we remain committed to the Cristo Rey Intern program at our school, the Just Faith programs, the Open Wide Our Hearts podcast effort, and trips to explore the city's neighborhoods different than our own.

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.



MASS INTENTIONS MARCH 22-27

Tuesday, March 22 6:45 am Mike Frechin † 8:15 am Msgr Thomas M. McDonald †	Friday, March 25 8:15 am Ray Cates †
Wednesday, March 23 6:45 am Protection of innocent & unborn life 8:15 am Thomas McGee, Sr †	Saturday, March 26 8:15am Morning Prayer and Communion 4:00 pm Martha Beckers †
Thursday, March 24 6:45 am Michael Beckers †	Sunday, March 27 8:00 am People of Visitation 10:30 am Jim Onka †

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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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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
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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 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 for more information.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LENTEN FISH FRY

If you missed our first Fish Fry of the season, you still have two more opportunities. Join us on Friday, March 25 and/or April 8 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm in Tighe Hall. \$15 per adult, \$10 per K-8 grader or \$45 per family, under K free.

Menu includes fried catfish, parmesan encrusted baked tilapia, fish tacos, cheese pizza, mac and cheese, green beans, coleslaw, French fries, and fresh baked rolls. The 7th grade sells ice cream for dessert! Cash bar available.



THANK YOU TO VISITAITON

From Duchesne Clinic

Dear Karen,

On behalf of Duchesne Clinic and our patients, thank you for your Visitation Catholic Communities' grant award in the amount of \$1,000 to support Duchesne Clinic. We're honored to be a recipient of these grant monies used to underwrite the transformational first month of medical care for 15 new patients. You've helped these individuals take the first step towards hope for their future.

As the new Executive Director, I welcome the opportunity to further the good work George Noonan has ensured during his time at Caritas Clinics. With experience in healthcare for the underserved and operations management, together with degrees in social sciences and psychology, I am well versed in the struggles involved in caring for the most vulnerable members of our communities. The barriers that exist

are daunting and yet it is so important to keep our communities healthy and safe. I am excited to partner with you to make certain even more people have access to the high quality care Caritas Clinics provides.

Your giving heart allows us to do the important work we do, helping change the lives of so many who would be lost without medical care. It is a clear statement of how you value our mission: to reveal and foster God's healing love by improving the health of the people and communities we serve, especially those who are poor and vulnerable. During these unpredictable times as we still struggle with a worldwide pandemic, we are grateful you stand with us to care for those who need care the most.

Sincerely,

Michele Surber
Executive Director

MINISTRY SCHEDULE MARCH 26-27

	Altar Server	EM	Lector	Usher Greeter	Sacristan
Saturday, 4:00 PM	R. Teevan C. Panzino	L. Waters T. Olsen L. Sokoloff K. Reichman A. Perry	S. Keenan	P. Dunlay A. Holewinski	R. Steinert
Sunday, 8:00 AM	D. Colombo J. Sallee	T. Coppinger V. Coppinger J. Gillis M. Gillis T. Egan	D. Schoening	B. Palmer C. Schorgl	B. Truta
Sunday, 10:00 AM	W. Waldrup S. Munjak-Khoury	T. Mayer A. Bergner J. McCann L. Freeman M. McCann	J. Anderson	T. Ritchie J. Waldrup	S. Mayer

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WEEKEND OF APRIL 22-24

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. Titling 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.visititation.org.

CONFIRMATION

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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.

PASTORAL CARE

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

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, or contact Deacon Tony & Barb Zimmerman at 741.4066 or tonybarbz@prodigy.net.



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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.



Trained individuals will be available to help you assemble your rosary.
Questions? Call Mara Hodes at 816-678-4336 or Nealey Grosdidier at 816-668-2802.

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH

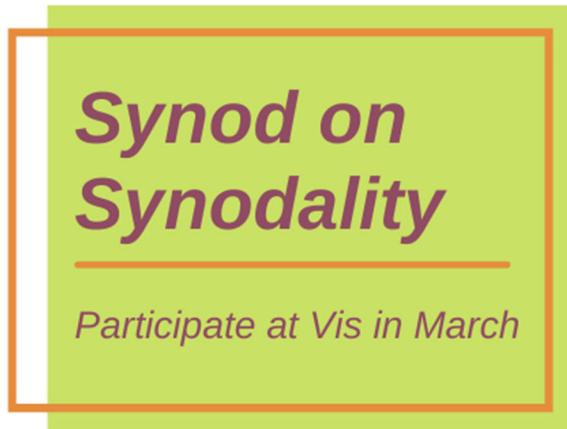
APRIL 2-3 - SAVE THE DATE FOR CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH RENEWAL WEEKEND.



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

VISITATION SYNOD



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 - click on Synod, or call the parish office at 753-7422.



These are the questions we will discuss on March 26 and March 28:

- ⇒ In “journeying together”... What does our parish do really well?
- ⇒ What could we do a better job with?
- ⇒ What is a source of joy or sustenance for you, spiritually?
- ⇒ What is a struggle for you, personally, in the faith?
- ⇒ When you come to Mass, what one thing are you most looking for?
- ⇒ What gifts do you, personally, bring to the Church?
- ⇒ What breaks your heart about things going on in the Church?
- ⇒ What specific hope do you have for the Church moving forward?

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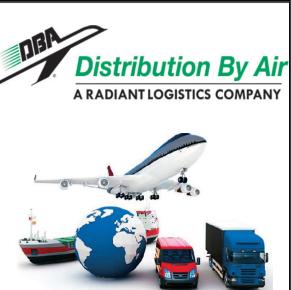
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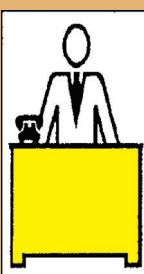
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