

VISITATION PARISH  
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 12, 2021



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

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.

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



## WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

### SCHOOL



Congratulations to the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students from Visitation School who were recently inducted into the National Junior Honor Society: Nicole Accurso, Sloan Anderson, Nona Archer, Bodie Arthur, Evelyn Batz, Jacob Bond, Katherine Bowling, Kathryn Call, Atticus Carlson, Johanna Carney, Teddy Colburn, Daniel Colombo, Polly Fendler, Pierce Fisher, Alisa Ganahl, Alexander Graziano, Paloma Greim, Declan Griggs, Grace Gunter, Andrew Hoolehan, Clare Kelly, Cole Ketchum, John Paul McPherson, Mary Meyers, Addison Moylan, Maxwell Moylan, Selanna Munjak-Khoury, Brock O'Laughlin, Xavier Ritchie, Jackson Sallee, Claire Schilling, Hunter Stout, Peyton Strupp, Riley Teeven, Mary Jeanne Thompson, Charlotte Turner & Kellan Wiebe. Students are pictured with Faculty Advisor, Garrett Forck.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COAT DRIVE

Our Visitation Knights Annual Front Porch Coat Drive is underway. Drop off your donations of coats 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 that Visitation is always known for.



### OUR SYMPATHY TO

Angelo Diaz and Ashleigh Noel on the death of their wife and mother, Bobbi Diaz and to Brian King on the death of his mother, Patricia Mackay.

### REMEMBER OUR SICK

Jorge Maldonado  
Lionel Morgan  
Kat Potter  
Suzanne Adams  
Pamela Atherton  
Barbara Kopp Atkinson  
Maggie Quirarte Bates  
Marilyn Frechin Blank  
Dorothy Bock  
Leonardo Borders  
Mary Ann Brown  
Mike Caraway  
Shari Caraway  
Marianne Carl  
Beverly Cascone  
Joanne Comiskey  
Olivia Connealy  
Jimmy Connell  
Hunter Cook  
Polly Donnelly  
Allie May Dudenhoeffer  
Tom Fraley  
Shana Gadt  
Susie Haake  
Brooke Kuechler Harris  
Mike Henninger  
Joe Irwin  
William Jewell  
Jaquie Kallman  
Peg Kallman  
Shirley Kempker  
Marriane Kersten  
Ken Krna Family  
John Langle  
Bryan Larson  
Betsy Lazere  
Jeanne Lendabarker

Anthony Lipari, Sr.  
Scott Martens  
Priscilla McInnes  
Thomas McNamara  
Tricia Melland  
Birdie Mendence  
Mary Montgomery  
Joe Noblitt  
Maggie O'Neill  
Jennifer Olson  
Charles Oppenlander  
Nicholas Parscale  
Leonardo Passantino  
Connie Perucca  
Pat Piranio  
Nicola Pistone  
Peggy Pruitt  
Quinn Regan  
Carol Riesmeyer  
Ellie Rose  
Forrest Rowe  
The Ryan Family  
The Saalberg Family  
Jeff Schilling  
Fran Schuetz  
Barbara Schulte  
Aimee Sesler  
Bill Sharp  
Sandra Sharp  
Sharon Smart  
Special Intention  
Jeannie Sullivan  
Peter Thompson  
Tripp Thompson  
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, Vicenza, Italy; Maj. Chris Oppenlander, Hill Airforce Base; Maj. Gisselle Oppenlander, Hill Airforce Base; Staff Sgt. Louis Perez, San Diego, CA.*

## RACIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE



The Racial Justice Committee meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 5:00 pm. At the December 9 meeting the agenda included:

- Opening Prayer - Report on the RJC collaboration with Faith Formation in developing a podcast to discuss the American Bishops letter, *Open Wide Our Hearts*.
- Sub-committee Updates from Communication, Education and Outreach.
- Report on Cristo Rey presence at Visitation School.
- Review of what we have done and suggestions for future action.

If any member of the parish has questions about or suggestions for the work of this parish committee, you are welcome to email [VISRJJC@gmail.com](mailto:VISRJJC@gmail.com) or talk to any member of the committee: Matt Gunter, John McGurk, Deb Sicoli, Mandy Ketchum, Teresa Albright, Karen Miller, Marie Effertz, Lorraine Gordon, JoAnn Axtell, Tricia Maxfield, Mary Gigliotti, Nancy Hesse, Emmet Pierson, Fr. Brad and co-chairs, Linda Hughes, Peg Ekerdt and Katie McSorley.

## SCHOOL OF RELIGION

*S.O.R. is a religious education program that serves the children of Visitation and their families. We gather in the St. Joseph Chapel on Mondays from 5:15 – 6:15 pm.*

### SAVE THE DATE – Intergenerational Family Faith Event, December 20.

- Parents and any parish adult are invited to reflect on God's forgiveness during the Advent season. We have been using the booklet "Forgiveness: Choosing to Receive and to Give" from the Little Rock Scripture Study series, "Alive in the Word."

**FINAL SESSION – December 13 – *Sharing in the Mission of Jesus*.**

## BAPTISM

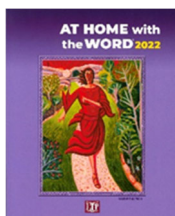
### BAPTISM PREPARATION FOR NEW PARENTS

Visitation offers a Baptism Preparation class for new parents six times a year. The next class will be **Saturday, December 18 from 9:00 – 11:00 am in the church**. We will prayerfully walk through the Rite of Baptism and learn about the meaning of the ancient and rich Sacramental symbols.



- New parents are required to complete Baptism preparation prior to their child's baptism.
- All are welcome! Parents who would like a "refresher," or godparents wishing to deepen their understanding of Baptism, are encouraged to attend the class.
- To learn more, contact Teresa Albright at 753-5155 x1306 or visit the Baptism page on our website to begin planning for your child's baptism.

## FAITH FORMATION



***At Home with the Word* is on sale now!** 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 obtain your copy in the church narthex or office for a donation of \$5.

**Parish Book for 2021-2022** – Join others in our faith community who are reading this year's parish book, *Binding Us Together*, a memoir by Alvin L. Brooks. Pick up your free copy today from the church narthex or parish office.



## GIVING AT VISITATION

### 2022 ANNUAL APPEAL

A reminder to please complete and return your 2022 pledge form, OR complete the online pledge form, at your earliest convenience. IF you are planning to use our automated giving system in 2022, online would be preferred (*see below*.) You can find the online pledge form on the homepage of our website at [www.visitation.org](http://www.visitation.org) – look for this image.



### ATTENTION AUTOMATED GIVERS!

Visitation Parish is changing electronic giving providers in calendar year 2022. If you contribute via bank draft (ACH) or credit/debit card through Visitation, please note that account numbers are encrypted and ***we will need your help in changing your gifts to our new system!*** If you have already utilized the new 2022 Annual Appeal online pledge module to set up your gifts or have returned your 2022 pledge form with FULL account information (including the security code for a credit/debit card), then you are fine. If you have not yet done so, please visit the website at [www.visitation.org](http://www.visitation.org) and click on the 2022 Annual Appeal banner in the center of the page or return your pledge form with full account info ASAP.

### YEAR-END GIVING

As we approach the end of the year, we would greatly appreciate fulfillment of 2021 pledges by December 31. For those of you who have not pledged but consistently give a year-end gift, we thank you for your past support and are grateful for any contribution you make this year. Please allow adequate mail/processing time depending on your type of transaction to enable us to credit the donation by December 31, 2021 for possible tax-deduction purposes. You may:

- Drop an offertory envelope in the collection at Mass.
- Mail a check to the parish office.
- Call us to set-up regular, automated giving or a one-time gift using your bank account or credit/debit card.
- Send your contribution via the online banking offered by your financial institution.
- Donate appreciated assets (i.e. stock, mutual funds, etc.).
- Make a charitable distribution from your IRA, if allowed.

Please note that January 1 falls on a Saturday this year, so the parish office will observe the holiday on Friday, December 31. If you need office assistance with any year-end gift, please contact us before 2:00 pm on Thursday, December 30.

If you have any questions about the annual appeal, your pledge or need assistance initiating an automated withdrawal, gift of stock or any other type of transaction, please contact Megan Burdolski at 753-5155 x1305 or [megan@church.visitation.org](mailto:megan@church.visitation.org). As always, we are grateful for your ongoing support of Visitation Parish.

## MASS INTENTIONS DECEMBER 14-19

**Tuesday, December 14**

6:45 am Moila Benson †

8:15 am Rev. Sandy Sinclair †

**Wednesday, December 15**

6:45 am Maggie O'Neill

8:15 am Kathleen (Kathy) Swann †

**Thursday, December 16**

6:45 am Catherine Bingert †

**Friday, December 17**

8:15 am Rev. Norman Rotert †

**Saturday, December 18**

8:15 am Kenny Marx †

4:00 pm The Rouse Family

**Sunday, December 19**

8:00 am People of Visitation

10:30 am Daniel Molyneux †

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47th Street on the North to Meyer Blvd on the South

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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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**Diocese of Kansas City St. Joseph**

**Ombudsman, Joe Crayon 812-2500**

**Victim Assistance Coordinator,**

**Whitney True-Francis 392-0011**

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 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.

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## SISTER PARISH



Members from the Madre Steering Committee presented information about our sister parish relationship to the 7<sup>th</sup> grade students at Visitation recently. Jan Fakoury and Pauline Dolan talked about the history of the relationship, the sponsorship program, the CAPI (Early Childhood Program) and their experience as delegates to the community.

