

VISITATION PARISH THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 23, 2025



THE SEASON OF LENT

- ‡ **Pray** ~ Our St. Joseph and Blessed Sacrament chapels, and our church nave are open during the day for personal prayer. 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 - 6:00 pm. Catholics are encouraged to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for Easter. Our Parish Communal Penance Service is Wednesday, April 9 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 weekend; and the Good Friday Collection on April 18 (benefits Christians in the Holy Land).

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING

There will be an EM training at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Monday, March 31 at 6:30 pm. If you would like to attend this training, please email Alejandro at alejandro@church.visitation.org by March 23.



ENROLLMENT

VISITATION SCHOOL
 STRONG ACADEMICS. FAITH-BASED EDUCATION. VIBRANT COMMUNITY.
It's all within reach in the heart of Kansas City!

NOW ENROLLING

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Enrollment for the 2025-26 academic year at Visitation School closes at 6:00 pm **THIS Tuesday, March 25**. Current school families enrolling after that date will be assessed a late fee. If you need to enroll and have not yet received an enrollment link, please contact Megan Burdolski at 816-753-5155 x1305 or megan@church.visitation.org.



WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

ALL ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE IN ADORATION WHICH IS OFFERED EVERY WEDNESDAY IN THE ST. JOSEPH CHAPEL FROM 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM.

THE ROSARY FOR THE SICK WILL CONTINUE TO BE HELD IN THE ST. JOSEPH CHAPEL AT 5:30 PM EVERY WEDNESDAY FOR THOSE ON THE PARISH PRAYER LIST.

REMEMBER OUR SICK

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| Marilyn Frederick | Jolene Lynn |
| Kathy Sims | Scott Martens |
| Earl Adam | Tim McNamara |
| Pamela Atherton | Tricia Melland |
| Bill Blanck, Sr. | Jen O'Neill |
| Jerry Calkins | Peggy Pruitt |
| Marianne Carl | Laine Riehle |
| Mary Beth Cicchetti | Ellie Rose |
| Kay Dierks | Kathy Scaglia |
| Whit Emanuels | Gary Schafer |
| Bill Fuss | Barbara Schulte |
| Brooke Kuechler Harris | Aimee Sesler |
| Kristin Heyer | Jack Selzer |
| Margaret Howard | Sandra Sharp |
| Joe Irwin | Danny Smith |
| William Jewell | Special Intention |
| Bryan Larson | Salvador Valldeperas, Sr. |
| Jeanne Lendabarker | Dave Wittrock |

MILITARY

The parish community continues to pray for parish members and their families who are serving in the armed services: Major Philip Martin, Fort Leavenworth, KS; Major Chris Oppenlander, Hill Air Force Base, UT; Major Gisselle Oppenlander, Hill Air Force Base, UT.

FUNERAL MEAL TEAMS

- On Deck: Team # 6
- On Alert: Team # 7

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners,

A bold and exciting endeavor is underway at Visitation: a top-to-bottom much-needed renovation of Visitation School, plus the addition of an innovative Maker Space! We invite you to keep up to date on the progress of the campaign as our community unites to advance the school's first major capital improvements in 25 years!



We do this to sustain Visitation's longest enduring ministry: forming and educating students as strong, compassionate followers of Christ. As a parish, we want to ensure that maintenance and repairs, energy efficiency, technology and security needs are met. A renewed Visitation School enhances our parish and school marketability to future families and students. This effort will also ensure that the surrounding neighborhood of which Visitation Church and School are long-standing anchors, continues to be a stable and vibrant community. Ultimately this work will create an environment and culture that fosters our Catholic faith and connection to community, academic excellence and service to others.

The campaign is led by Chairs Terry and Lindsey Anderson, Honorary Co-Chairs Dr. Tom and Virginia Copping and Mark and Amy Thompson. The Steering Committee includes Megan Burdolski, Fr. Greg Haskamp, Matt Krull, Don Lueke, Sally Sallee, Dr. Melissa Wagner and campaign counsel Rozanne Prather.

This endeavor will take all of us! Together, our time, talents and treasure will see us through a successful campaign and a growing, spirit-filled community. We welcome your involvement as we seek to engage parishioners, school families, and greater community. Volunteer opportunities include:

- ♣ Prayer Committee: dedicated to praying for the success of our campaign.
- ♣ Parish & School Gifts: this committee ensures that everyone is offered an opportunity to support the campaign with a financial gift.
- ♣ Campaign Events: help with implementing campaign gatherings.
- ♣ Stewardship: individuals dedicated to sharing gratitude with all who support the campaign through time, talent and treasure.

Thanks for your consideration! Please connect with Director of Stewardship, Megan Burdolski, to lend a helping hand: megan@church.visitation.org or 816-381-6911.



SHARED
VISION
A COMMUNITY CAMPAIGN FOR
A RENEWED VISITATION SCHOOL

MASS INTENTIONS MARCH 25-30	MINISTRY SCHEDULE MARCH 29-30			
	4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	
<p>Tuesday, March 25 6:45 am Mary Dee Bradley † 8:15 am Tim Scholl †</p> <p>Wednesday, March 26 6:45 am Michael Messina † 8:15 am Lisa Sokoloff †</p> <p>Thursday, March 27 6:45 am Judy Worth †</p> <p>Friday, March 28 8:15 am Dorothy Ahlman †</p> <p>Saturday, March 29 8:15am Maureen Kenny † 4:00 pm People of Visitation</p>	ALTAR SERVERS	F. Poiry M. Gromowsky J. Flanagan	D. Colombo E. Larson C. Larson	J. Hanks E. Affolter H. Affolter
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	LECTOR	M. O'Neill	B. Winget	E. Carlyle
	USHERS	S. Barone C. Maggiorotto	M. Dakan T. Dakan	A. Barber C. Farrell
	SACR.	D. Laird	J. Reboulet	J. Roach

PARISH BOUNDARIES

State Line on the West to Oak St. on the East;
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
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 2024/25

Stephen Bowen	Kristie Larson
Bill Donath	Melissa Lising
Jim Erlacker	Steve O'Neill
Mary Gigliotti	Katie Wendel
Fr. Greg Haskamp	Kathleen Wiedeman
Megan Burdolski, Staff	

School Office

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Phone 816-531-6200Fax 816-531-8045

Principal, Dr. Melissa Wagner x3140
Secretary, Bridget Winget x3136

St. Vincent De Paul Help Line
816-753-9061

Diocese of Kansas City St. Joseph
Ombudsman, Joe Crayon 816-812-2500
Victim Assistance Coordinator,
Whitney True-Francis 816-392-0011

RACIAL JUSTICE



VIS RACIAL JUSTICE

One of the 2024-25 projects for the parish Racial Justice Committee is to offer one night book discussion events. Past sessions considered *Beloved* (Morrison) and *The First Ladies* (Benedict and Murray).

Now this week, on Wednesday, March 25, Amanda Adams and Peg Ekerdt will facilitate a discussion of Jodi Picoult's novel, *Small Great Things*. We will meet in the

Retreat Room in Tighe Hall at 7:00 pm. All are invited and welcome.



If you want to plan ahead and start reading, Linda Hughes and David Bruegging will host a discussion of *Facing Georgetown's History* (Rothman) on June 10.

New topic—the RJC is honored to plan and participate in the School Mass this Wednesday, March 26 where the Scripture reminds us of the importance of living God's law and the featured virtue of the month is Courage.

If anyone would like to know more about Vis RJC or to join our monthly meeting, please contact Linda Hughes at lchteach20@gmail.com or Peg Ekerdt at peggyekerdt@gmail.com. We welcome new ideas and parishioners always to this work of justice.

BLOOD DRIVE

Blood Emergency

As of Tuesday, March 18, our local blood supply has dropped to a critical 3-4 day level—well below the ideal 7-10 day inventory. Several factors have contributed to this decline—including disruptions from winter storms, the normal seasonal spring break dip and fewer school-based blood drives. In February alone, the Community Blood Center collected nearly 2,000 fewer donations than needed to keep up with hospital demand. If you are eligible and available, please consider donating at our March 31 Blood Drive.

RESCHEDULED

Blood Drive

Monday, March 31
12:00-4:00 pm Tighe Hall

Register online at:
www.savealifenow.org/group
Use Group Code: VH

Community Blood Center

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



VISITATION KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

LENTEN FISH FRY DINNERS



FRIDAYS, MARCH 28, APRIL 4 & APRIL 11

5:30-7:30 PM TIGHE HALL

COST: \$15 ADULTS, \$10 K-8, \$45 FAMILY, UNDER K FREE.

MENU: FRIED CATFISH, BAKED TILAPIA, FISH TACOS, CHEESE PIZZA, MAC & CHEESE, GREEN BEANS, COLE SLAW, FRENCH FRIES & FRESH-BAKED ROLLS. CASH BAR AVAILABLE.

PASTORAL CARE

FUNERAL TEAM THANK YOUS

Members of Funeral Meal Teams 1 and 11 as well as friends from St. Elizabeth and CRHP Team 14 worked together to provide recent funeral meals. On behalf of the parish community, we offer thanks to Angela Bergner, Janie Palmer, Michelle Albracht, Peggy Donnellan, Carol Farrell, Irene FitzGerald, Mara Hodes, Joe Grego, Jill Jackoboice, Susan Kuechler, Natalie LaMendola, Laurie McLiney, Jean McPherson, Mary Ann Oswald, Kelly Reichman, Jean Schrader, Jan Stacy, Sara Jane Stevenson, Kathy Williams, Becky White, Roberta Kraus, Molly Angold, Renae Altenhofen, Colleen Bowen, Pam Bowen, Kristi Calkins, Amanda Chaney, Sharon Derks, Nealey Grosdidier, Buffy Gunter, Kara Hoolehan, Kathy Honan, Kelly Lambert, Julie McCann, Patty McMahon, Laurie McLiney, Michelle Pal, Anne Schiavone, Becky Selzer, Kristi Wakat, Libby Herring, Marta Williamson, Kathy Glynn, Kelly Walsh Boling, Patty Walsh and Peg Ekerdt.

We also extend thanks to Funeral Meal Team #4 **Leaders Linda Dro and Lois Roszak** and their team members Kara Bemboom-Grefrath, Rebecca Bennett, Terri Cotton, Dianne Criswell-Bray, Suzette Cutcliff, Nicole Dingley, Anne Dillon, Mary Harte, Gloria Lipari, Trish Mayer, Mary Mullins, Bev Niehus, Nancy O'Neill, Mary Otto, Becky Selzer, Marny Sherman, Cindy Spaeth, Lisa Waters, Olga Wittman, Virginia Coppinger. We also thank Susan Crowe, Linda Williams and Kathy Diamond.

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). 2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911. 3. If the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee, or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, report the suspected abuse to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816.812.2500 or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact the Victim Advocate at 816.392.0011 or victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

“ ANNOUNCING ”

CLUB VIS

CLUB VIS is a ministry that is passionate about supporting young adults (23+) that are seeking community at Visitation outside of weekly Mass. All are welcome!

Join us - and bring a friend - at the Visitation Lenten Fish Fry on Friday, March 28 at 5:30 pm. Look for the Club Vis reserved signs.

Interested in learning more or assisting with launching it? Please contact Alex Carlson at alexcarlsonk@gmail.com

FINANCIAL

February Financial Summary

Month of February 2025

Contribution Income

In February, Contribution Income fell below budget expectations by \$15,024 (4.14%). This shortfall was primarily due to timing differences in parishioner giving patterns.

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Contribution Income	\$ 347,827	\$ 362,851	\$ (15,024)
Other Income	\$ 25,390	\$ 29,686	\$ (4,296)
Total Operating Income	\$ 373,217	\$ 392,537	\$ (19,320)
Operating Expense	\$ 478,970	\$ 489,889	\$ 10,919
Net	\$ (105,753)	\$ (97,352)	\$ (8,401)

Other Income

Other Income - which includes program/activity fees, fundraising, school tuition & fees and grants was under budget by \$4,296. The primary reason was a timing difference in school tuition payments that are expected to be received at a later date.

Fiscal YTD (July-February)

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Contribution Income	\$ 3,506,759	\$ 3,373,652	\$ 133,107
Other Income	\$ 1,225,853	\$ 1,278,656	\$ (52,804)
Total Operating Income	\$ 4,732,612	\$ 4,652,308	\$ 80,303
Operating Expense	\$ 4,227,340	\$ 4,056,688	\$ (170,653)
Net	\$ 505,271	\$ 595,621	\$ (90,349)

Operating Income

The combination of these income shortfalls resulted in an Operating Income deficit of \$19,320 for February.

Fiscal YTD This Year Fiscal YTD Last Year Difference

Contribution Income	\$ 3,506,759	\$ 3,335,786	\$ 170,973
Other Income	\$ 1,225,853	\$ 1,101,077	\$ 124,776
Total Operating Income	\$ 4,732,612	\$ 4,436,862	\$ 295,749
Operating Expense	\$ 4,227,340	\$ 3,769,007	\$ (458,334)
Net	\$ 505,271	\$ 667,856	\$ (162,584)

Parish Expenses

Parish expenses were under budget by \$10,919, specifically due to timing in payments designated through our Commitment to the Poor.

Overall February Net

Due to these variances, the Parish's overall net budget for February reflected a shortfall of \$8,401.

Year-to-Date (YTD) Financial Summary

Contribution and Other Income

Contribution Income is ahead of budget by \$133,107 (3.9%). Other Income is behind budget expectations by \$52,804. Together, the difference result in an Operating Income Budget surplus of \$80,303 for the year-to-date.

Operating Expenses

Operating expenses are over budget by \$170,653 (4.21%), leading to a Parish Net Operating Budget shortfall of \$90,349.

Comparison to Prior Fiscal Year

Parish Contribution Income for FY 2024/2025 is \$170,973 lower than the same period last year. Other Income surpassed last year's results by \$124,776. This has resulted in a Total Operating Income surplus of \$295,749. However, with Parish Expenses being \$458,334 higher than last year, our net budget shortfall stands at \$162,584.

Thank you for your continued support.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

CRS RICE BOWL

Thank you to those who chose to take rice bowls this year and participate in the annual almsgiving campaign. The great news is that our allocation of rice bowls are gone, the bad news is the need for support of this program is greater than ever! If you are able and willing to help, please donate directly to support.crs.org. Return rice bowls to the narthex by April 27.



MEDICAL DELEGATION

Save the date! The next medical delegation is scheduled for October 4-11. If you are a medical provider and are interested in participating in this delegation, please reach out to Julie Aucar at jaucar21@gmail.com or 217-552-2465. Even if you are retired or haven't been working, your skills could still be relevant to our sister parish clinic! Please call Julie for more details!

FAITH FORMATION

The background of the poster is a photograph of a desert landscape with rolling sand dunes under a bright sun. A path of footprints leads across the dunes.

Lent Small Group

ALL ARE WELCOME in this group!
A weekly opportunity for faith and fellowship throughout the Lenten season.
Hosted by Members of the Faith Formation Team
For more information, email Teresa@visitation.org

BETWEEN TWO MASSES | 9:15–10:15 A.M.
SUNDAYS, BEGINNING MARCH 9, 2025
RETREAT ROOM

SPRING BIBLE STUDY FOR ADULTS

Begins April 23, 2025

Apr. 30, May 7, 14, 21, 28

Wednesdays

6:30—8:30 pm

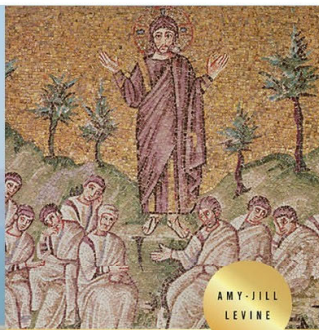
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BOOK & VIDEO LESSONS
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TERESA ALBRIGHT,
PASTORAL MINISTER

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—OR— (816) 753-7422



SERMON *on*
the MOUNT

A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

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"For Jesus, LIFE meant being part of a community. His comment, 'the Kingdom of God is among you' demonstrates that communal presence. When people take seriously the Sermon on the Mount... the Kingdom is present."

- Dr. Amy-Jill Levine, Author

\$20 suggested donation for
book and materials.

The Sermon on the Mount contains some of Jesus most profound and most memorable teachings. What might these teachings have meant to his disciples, and to the others who first heard them? How do they enhance our reading of the rest of the Gospel, and how do they speak across the centuries to listeners today? How, if we pay careful attention to his words, does Jesus provide us a road map to living as God would have us live?



KC School Bond Information Session

The Visitation Social Concerns Ministry Team is hosting an informational session about the upcoming April 8 School Bond election. Join us to hear from school representatives about the bond and what it means for students, teachers and neighborhoods within the Kansas City Public Schools (KCPS) boundaries.

Did you know?



1967

last time voters approved a KCPS bond issue



KCPS is the only Missouri school district in this region **without voter-approved bond funding**



Average age of schools is over **60+ years**, with over **\$1 billion** in facility needs

**THURSDAY, MARCH 27
7:00PM**

VISITATION CHURCH, TIGHE HALL
5141 MAIN STREET, KCMO 64112
USE ENTRANCE MARKED TIGHE HALL
ON 51ST TERRACE SIDE OF CHURCH

Kansas City Public Schools (KCPS) has a General Obligation (GO) Bond on the April 8 ballot to provide funding to address critical deferred maintenance needs and improve the learning environment for all students at KCPS and 9 charter schools.

Learn more at kcpsbond.org