

VISITATION PARISH

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 28, 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 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

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, please contact Megan Burdolski, Director of Stewardship at 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.



ACCESSIBLE PARKING

Over the past few months at larger funerals and fuller Masses, our staff have heard from individuals seeking accessible parking that the spots in both the church and school lots are full. The reports indicate that the cars parked in those spots do not have license plates or hang tags designating the need for accessible parking. We have also seen cars parked in the striped spaces for unloading/loading a wheelchair next to accessible spots rendering those spots useless. Please help those in our parish in need of these spaces by choosing another parking spot if you do not need the accessible parking.

CONFIRMATION

Thanks for going with flow as we adjusted our schedule last Sunday and apologies to all for rushing hospitality! Thank you for your support of the Confirmation program.

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



WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

OUR SYMPATHY

We as a parish express our sympathy to Grayson Murphy on the death of his father, Grayson Murphy.

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

Nic Shump

Judy Worth

Earl Adam

Brian Adams

Pamela Atherton

Maggie Quirarte Bates

Bryan Bownick

Marianne Carl

Mary Beth Cicchetti

Olivia Connealy

Bill Fuss

Brooke Kuechler Harris

Margaret Howard

Joe Irwin

William Jewell

Erin Kallman

Kevin Koch

Bryan Larson

Jeanne Lendabarker

Scott Martens

Tim McNamara

Thom McNamara

Pam Murray

Peggy Pruitt

Theresia Ritchie

Ellie Rose

Kathy Scaglia

Barbara Schulte

Aimee Sesler

Sandra Sharp

Bill Stone

Special Intention

Jeannie Sullivan

Salvador Valldeperas, Sr.

Annabelle Whalen

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 had a great trip to the Florida Panhandle. I went to Cape San Blas, a beautiful area near Port St. Joseph. It sits right on the dividing line between Central Standard Time and Eastern Standard time. It was so good to be there, as it's been a while since I've seen the area. Things have definitely changed in the last four years. They used to call it "The Forgotten Coast," which is what made it so quiet and peaceful, but building is happening and the area is growing. Part of that is due to the fact that Hurricane Michael hit there several years ago and caused significant damage, so the rebuilding continues and is sparking some growth as well. But I also think word is out that it's a great place to visit. I regret being gone for two Sundays, but many houses there rent Sunday to Sunday, and I wanted to take full advantage of the rental period!



There were probably three days that were perfect—sunny and 70 degrees—and the rest were mixed. There were a couple of cool days in the upper 40's and a couple in the mid-50's, but I just told myself I was on the Oregon Coast those days and not the Gulf Coast! My mom and I had a great time, and were joined for a few days by a couple of family friends. We had lots of great meals, conversation and walks on the beach, and it was very rejuvenating. I'm grateful for the time and am glad all was well here while I was gone!

We did encounter some delays on the flight home. The plane had some mechanical issues that weren't discovered until we had boarded, so we sat for about 30 minutes hoping for quick repair, but ultimately had to deplane and wait for another plane. Fortunately one was found pretty quickly, so we were able to board it and make the flight home, only a couple of hours later than we had planned. It was a late night and an early morning the next day, but it was all worth it for a great trip! And now, it's good to be home!

Peace,

Fr. Greg

RESPECT LIFE



**May every human life
Be protected in law
And
Welcomed in love.**

-USCCB Prayer Guide Jan 2024

SHAMROCK SNAPSHOT

GET TO KNOW THE SMITH FAMILY

Meet The Smiths: Kevin, Mary Elizabeth, Shannon (5th Grade), Quinn (3rd Grade), and Brendan (1st Grade)...We find ourselves very busy these days with our kids and their various activities! From the soccer field, to the basketball court, to the hockey rink and swimming pool, we are constantly on the go. When on break from being chauffeurs for our children, we love traveling as a family, homemade pizza nights and discovering hidden gems in KC.



WHY WE LOVE THE VIS COMMUNITY:

"We fell in love Visitation because of the strong sense of community. After moving to Kansas City from Chicago (we are not native Missourians) we were looking for a new parish to call home and the warm welcome we received at Visitation provided us the sense of belonging we were searching for. The community has become an integral part of our lives, as we have connected with other families and forged lasting friendships.. We love participating in fundraisers like the auction and trivia night, but the true essence of our Faith Family has been shown in times of need. The support and kindness from fellow school parents, whether with a MealTrain, carpool for kids, or even a coffee with friends, has become a lifeline, which is especially meaningful with no family in town. The decision to join the Visitation Parish has not only enriched our social connections, but also created a sense of home and community for us in Kansas City."

FAMED! VISITATION SCHOOL'S TRASH BAGS

The school no longer has its annual fall trash bag sale fundraiser BUT rolls of these famed bags are always available for purchase.

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FRESH START!**



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MASS INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY 30-FEBRUARY 4		LITURGICAL MINISTERS FEBRUARY 3-4			
<p>Tuesday, January 30 6:45 am Wilma Christensen † 8:15 am Ed FitzGerald †</p> <p>Wednesday, January 31 6:45 am Leonard Abbenhaus † 8:15 am Joan Marie Hopson †</p> <p>Thursday, February 1 6:45 am Gertrude King †</p> <p>Friday, February 2 8:15 am Polly Donnelly †</p> <p>Saturday, February 3 8:15am Jean Cummings † 4:00 pm Thomas Dubbert †</p> <p>Sunday, February 4 8:00 am Mary Casey † 10:30 am People of Visitation</p>		4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	
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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

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Whitney True-Francis 816-392-0011

ABOUT TOWN

Who exactly is welcomed 'to join' this service (who is our target audience)?

The prayer service is for anyone who has been hurt or excluded by the Church, or anyone who has witnessed the hurt that others have experienced. It is for those who feel they have no recourse when hurt, excluded or bullied by Church ministers or systems, yet who love the Church deeply and consider it their home. This is intended to be an evening of solace and all are welcome.

Who is this group, Catholics Seeking Solidarity and Justice and what is their motivation in offering this service?


The group is a collaborative effort among Catholics from diverse parishes who came together to respond to recent actions in which Church ministers and hierarchy demonstrated clerical overreach and/or indifference to the faithful.

The motivation of CSSJ in offering this prayer service is to seek healing and justice in the prayer and ritual of our Catholic tradition, trusting in God's Spirit to accompany and guide us. The purpose of the CSSJ beyond the prayer service is to continue to listen to the Spirit, hear the stories of others who feel excluded and hurt and to create a functional and healing diocesan process for those who have been hurt by the Church and her leaders.

Has the diocese approved this service?

The diocese has endorsed the intention of this service and is aware of it.

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 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.



**HEALING THE HURT:
A NIGHT OF PRAYER AND
SOLIDARITY**

**JOIN US AS WE GATHER TO OFFER
SUPPORT, PROMOTE HEALING,
AND SEEK JUSTICE FOR THOSE
WHOM THE CHURCH HAS HURT,
EXCLUDED, OR ABANDONED.**

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FINANCIAL



December

Contribution

Income exceeded budget by \$168,465 or 29.67%, as a result of timing differences in the giving patterns of

our parishioners. Other Income, which includes ministries, program fees, miscellaneous one-time donations, school tuition, registration fees and before/after care fees, lagged behind budget by \$29,833 due to grant funds not being received in the month budgeted, bringing our Total Operating Monthly income to a budget surplus to \$138,632.

Parish expenses in December were over budget by \$29,233. This was fueled primarily by higher than anticipated facility expenses. The combined effects of the items discussed above generated a Parish Net budget surplus of \$109,409 for the month of December .

Overall, the same conditions are reflected in the year-to-date financial results. Contribution Income has exceed budget by \$150,121, or 7.8%. Other income is ahead of budget by 2.49% or \$21,710, leaving an Operating Income Budget surplus of \$171,831. Operating Expenses for the year-to-date, fueled by the December negative variance above, as well as the overrun in November, now exceed budget by \$121,118, or 4.5%, generating a parish net operating budget surplus of \$50,713.

Compared to the prior fiscal year-to-date, Parish Contribution Income for 2023/2024 surpassed last year's results by \$175,192, while other income was short by \$184,010 creating a Total Operating Income shortfall of \$12,279. It should be noted that the difference in other income, is because PTO contributed all the excess money in their account received from previous years in 2022. Parish Expenses were higher than last year by 5.56% or \$147,703 for a net budget shortfall of \$159,982

Thank you for your continued support,

Isaac Uzcanga
Business Manager

Month of December 2023

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Contribution Income	\$ 736,352	\$ 567,887	\$ 168,465
Other Income	\$ 47,430	\$ 77,263	\$ (29,833)
Total Operating Income	\$ 783,782	\$ 645,150	\$ 138,632
Operating Expense	\$ 520,632	\$ 491,409	\$ (29,223)
Net	\$ 263,150	\$ 153,741	\$ 109,409

Fiscal YTD (July-December)

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Contribution Income	\$ 2,064,444	\$ 1,914,323	\$ 150,121
Other Income	\$ 870,939	\$ 849,228	\$ 21,710
Total Operating Income	\$ 2,935,382	\$ 2,763,552	\$ 171,831
Operating Expense	\$ 2,803,773	\$ 2,682,655	\$ (121,118)
Net	\$ 131,610	\$ 80,897	\$ 50,713

	Fiscal YTD This Year	Fiscal YTD Last Year	Difference
Contribution Income	\$ 2,064,444	\$ 1,889,252	\$ 175,192
Other Income	\$ 870,939	\$ 1,058,409	\$ (187,471)
Total Operating Income	\$ 2,935,382	\$ 2,947,662	\$ (12,279)
Operating Expense	\$ 2,803,773	\$ 2,656,070	\$ (147,703)
Net	\$ 131,610	\$ 291,592	\$ (159,982)

RACIAL JUSTICE



- Thank you for the significant ways in which many of this group participated in last weekend's Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr celebration - whether attending the 4:00 pm Mass at Vis with the St. Monica Choir, celebrating at St. Monica's Mass the next morning or attending the Dr. King Letter from Birmingham Jail Prayer Service on Monday, January 15, we honored Dr. King's memory in a variety of ways. THANK YOU for being part.

- A special thank you to all who helped make possible the 2nd annual Dr. King Letter from A Birmingham Jail. Thank you to Karen Miller for steadfast leadership in making this happen, to Mary Ann Heckman, Laura

Thornhill and Katie Levi who helped organize the service and/or reception. Thank you to RJC team who made the reception cookies: Tricia Maxfield, Ruby Kennedy, Lorraine Gordon, Clare Bond, Katie Levi, Laura Thornhill, Jan Fakoury, Linda Hughes and Mary Ann Heckman.

- Thank you to Tim McCray who directed the rehearsal and presentation of the Letter. And thank you to Visitation school faculty Gwen Ficklin and Dianne VanBallas whose support and collaboration is beyond invaluable in getting students to attend and reflect on the message of this powerful Letter.
- What is next? Two things: -Just Faith is scheduled for Wednesday evenings, 6:30-9:00 pm beginning on January 31. Linda Hughes, Angela Florez and I need your help in recruiting participants. Distracted by snow days, cold weather etc., registrations have been slow. **Can you invite someone to register this week please?** (Register: peggykerdt@gmail.com or karen@church.visitation.org)
- Next Zoom meeting for the Racial Justice Committee is Wednesday, February 21 from 5:00 - 6:00 pm.

SISTER PARISH

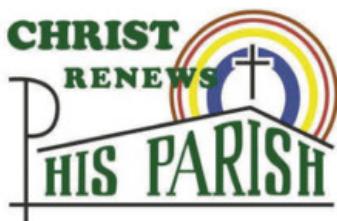
SISTER PARISH

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.



CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH



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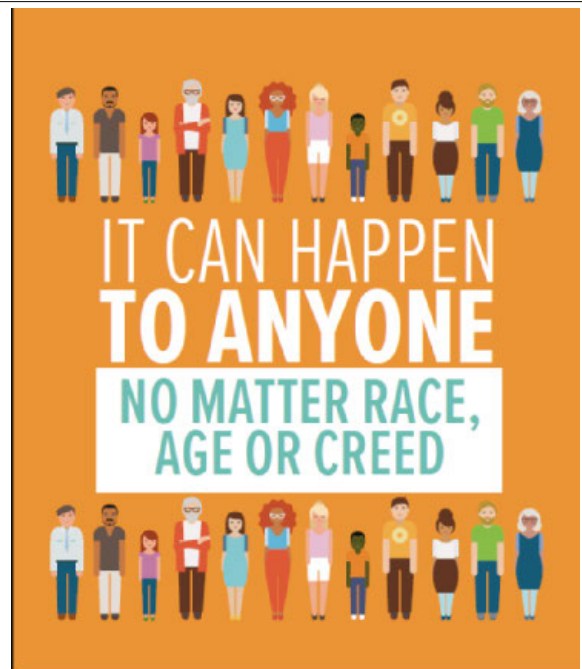
If you have been considering attending a Christ Renews His Parish retreat, you are in luck! The next weekend for both men and women will be on **February 24 - 25**. It will be a wonderful way to prepare your spiritual walk through Lent this year! If you want to register go to <http://tinyurl.com/viscrhp2024>. If you have questions, please contact Karen Miller at karen@church.visitation.org.

JANUARY IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH

- Human trafficking is a \$150 billion world market that impacts an estimated 50 people worldwide.
- Victims of human trafficking are hidden in our neighborhoods. They are being recruited from our schools. They are growing our food, working in our nail salons and they are there when we go on vacation. They are hidden in plain sight.
- This affront to human dignity comes through force, fraud or coercion.
- Traffickers thrive where vulnerability is high or options are limited or non-existent.
- Missouri ranks fourth on the list of the states with the highest human trafficking rate in the United States.

THE CHURCH'S POSITION ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING (USCCB)

- The elimination of human trafficking is a priority issue for the Catholic Church. Because every life is a gift from God and is sacred, it deserves to be protected and nurtured. We each have a responsibility to fight against the violation and degradation of our brothers and sisters.
- The Catechism of the Church forbids acts that cause enslavement of humans. During the Second Vatican Council in 1965, the Church further stated, slavery, prostitution, the selling of women and children and disgraceful working conditions where people are treated as mere tools for profits rather than free and responsible persons are infamies and supreme dishonor to the creator." (Gaudium et Spes, 1965).



AWARENESS INFORM OTHERS

Prayer to End Human Trafficking

Oh God, we didn't see them.

But you did.

The hundreds and thousands of human beings trafficked each year to join the millions who are trapped in modern-day slavery.

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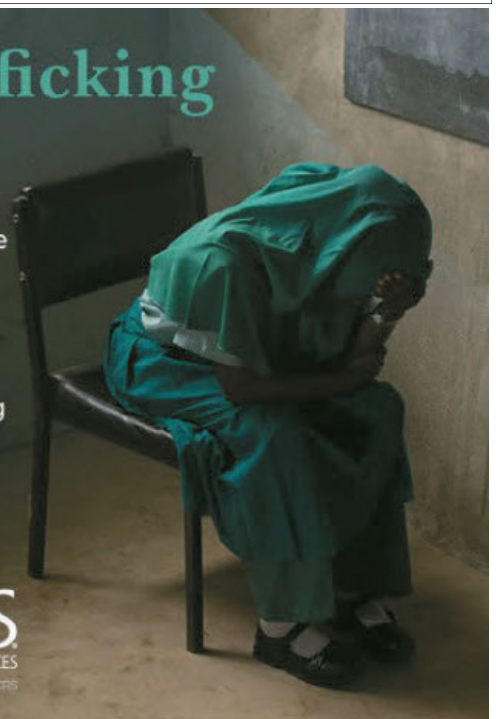
Many are children with tiny fingers for weaving rugs and small shoulders for bearing rifles.


Their labor is forced, their bodies beaten, their faces hidden from those who don't really want to see them.

But you see them all, God of the poor. You hear their cry and you answer by opening our eyes, and breaking our hearts and loosening our tongues to insist: No more. No more.

Amen


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LENT 2024—SMALL GROUP SIGN UP



Join other parishioners in a group of 8-12 for faith-filled conversation, connecting to others in the community. Even if you have been in a group before, please completely fill out all sections of this registration form.

DEADLINE to register is Mon., Feb. 5 — Groups begin meeting the week of Feb. 11.

☐ **Yes, I want to join a Lenten Small Faith Sharing Group.**

Your Name: _____

Address: _____ (City, St, Zip) _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Day & Time Preferences (Circle 1 day & 1 time):

Monday:	Morning	Evening	Thursday:	Morning	Evening
Tuesday:	Morning	Evening	Sunday:	—	Evening
Wednesday:	Morning	Evening	Do you have a second choice? _____		

No matter if you have been part of a group before OR never participated, please consider joining a small group or starting your own this Lent. For more than 19 years, Visitation parishioners have observed Lent by gathering in small groups to discuss the Sunday Scripture readings. The Faith Formation Team also invites groups to use one of our two parish books this year—*The Boy Messiah*, a novel about the Holy Family's travels to Jerusalem for the Passover OR *Taking Miracles Seriously*, a spiritual resource by Rabbi Michael Zedek.

☐ I want to **STAY** with my same small group.

Leader's Name: _____ and Email: _____

☐ I want to be placed in a **NEWLY** formed group.

☐ I want to **START** a Small Group with the following members:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

REGISTER ONLINE!

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ROLE OF THE GROUP LEADER: The primary role of the group leader is to organize and communicate weekly with the group's members. The Leader may also be the primary facilitator each week; however, this role may be shared between group members. A **DIGITAL COPY OF A DISCUSSION GUIDE WILL BE EMAILED TO THE GROUP LEADER FOR DISTRIBUTION PRIOR TO ASH WEDNESDAY.**

PLEASE ALSO PREPARE A PRINTED PACKET FOR ME TO PICK UP FROM CHURCH ON SUN. FEB. 19 ➡ ☐

Turn in your completed form by February 5: drop it in the collection basket during Mass; drop it off at the parish office Mon.-Fri.; or email the form to Lent Small Groups chairperson, Ashley Rodden at ashley@lover-cosmetics.com.