

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

VISITATION PARISH

MARCH 19, 2023



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 Wednesday, March 22 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 18-19 weekend; and the Good Friday Collection on April 7 (benefits Christians in the Holy Land).

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

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

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

Please join us for our Lenten Penance Service on Wednesday, March 22 at 6:00 pm.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Class is today, March 19, at 12:00 Noon.

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH RETREATS NEXT WEEKEND!

Give yourself the gift of retreat this Lent! Please join us March 25-26. This is your last chance to register for next weekend's



Christ Renews His Parish Retreat! All men and women of the parish are welcome to attend. This retreat is focused on personal and community faith renewal and refreshment. Together we will learn, pray, share and reflect on God's calling, and revitalize our faithfulness.



To register, scan the QR code at left or visit the parish website at www.visitation.org. Click on Faith Formation, then Christ Renews His Parish.



SCHOOL OF RELIGION

SOR remains on Spring Break this week. Classes resume on March 27 from 5:15 - 6:15 pm in St. Joseph Chapel.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH BOOKS

Thanks to all who took advantage of our Black History Month book cart. If you checked a book out and haven't returned it, please just return to the church office when you're finished. Also, know that these books are available in the church library year round.

REMEMBER OUR SICK

Pamela Atherton
Maggie Quirarte Bates
Marilyn Frechin Blank
Leonardo Borders
Chase Brundridge
Mike Caraway
Shari Caraway
Marianne Carl
Beverly Cascone
Mary Beth Cicchetti
Olivia Connealy
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Jaquie Kallman
Shirley Kempker
Marriane Kersten
Kevin Koch
Bryan Larson
Betsy Lazere
Jeanne Lendabarker
Anthony Lipari, Sr.
Mary Lipari
Jorge Maldonado

Scott Martens
Priscilla McInnes
Tim McNamara
Thomas McNamara
Tricia Melland
Birdie Mendence
Andy Metzler
Lionel Morgan
Dede Murphy
Jennifer Olson
Charles Oppenlander
Nicholas Parscale
Nicola Pistone
Kat Potter
Peggy Pruitt
Ruth Quirarte
Quinn Regan
Ellie Rose
The Ryan Family
The Saalberg Family
Fran Schuetz
Barbara Schulte
Aimee Sesler
Sandra Sharp
Bill Stone
Special Intention
Jeannie Sullivan
Salvador Valldeperas, 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.

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 # 9
On Alert: Team # 1

MASS INTENTIONS FOR MARCH 21-26

Tuesday, March 21

6:45 am Leonard Abbenhaus †
8:15 am Dr. Eric Wolf †

Wednesday, March 22

6:45 am Colette Nelligan †
8:15 am Msgr Thomas McDonald †

Thursday, March 23

6:45 am Thomas McGee Sr. †

Friday, March 24

8:15 am Caroline Conley †

Saturday, March 25

8:15am Polly Donnelly †
4:00 pm Keith Rumpf †

Sunday, March 26

8:00 am For the People of Visitation
10:30 am Bill Hodes †

LITURGICAL MINISTERS MARCH 25-26

	4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
ALTAR SERVERS	A. Hawley M. Hawley B. Arthur	C. Fanning A. O'Neill A. Calkins	G. Gunter L. Maginn L. Gaarder
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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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Visitation
A CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

*Please Pray
for our Elect
and Candidates*

R.J. Trowbridge
Candidate

Dylan Blanck
Candidate

Sangwon Lee
Elect

Kenton Westervelt
Elect

RCIA
2022—2023

Rite of Christian
Initiation of Adults

The poster features a background image of a church interior with a large stained-glass window. Four circular portraits of individuals are arranged around the central text. The text is in a mix of green and black fonts, with some parts in italics. The RCIA logo and year are in the bottom right corner.

FEED THE HUNGRY

WEEKLY FOOD COLLECTION FOR REDEMPTORIST SOCIAL SERVICES

Next weekend's food collection benefits Redemptorist Social Services Center, one of the largest food pantries in Jackson County. They have been serving the poor and elderly in our community for almost 30 years. They help their clients address basic needs ranging from providing food, clothing, utility and medical needs to legal assistance, transportation and senior services. Food assistance is available through their food pantry open Monday through Friday. They are grateful for any food they receive, but they also have a huge need for hygiene items such as toothpaste, deodorant, toilet paper and shampoo.

ONE CITY CAFE

Everyone is welcome to join us every 2nd & 4th Thursday (next on March 23) of the month, 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm. The volunteer schedule is flexible. You can come late or leave early and still be a major contributor. For more information, contact Bill Staggs at 304-3264 or willstaggs48@gmail.com.



SOCIAL CONCERNS



CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME

Does the idea of a Green Team at Visitation spark an interest for you? Would you like to connect with others to learn more about ecological justice and protecting our environment for future generations? Do you recycle? Do you compost? Do you want to learn and share more ways to help create a sustainable and hope-filled future? If so, please reach out to Larry Guillot, Visitation Social Concerns Committee at guillotlawrence@gmail.com or Karen Miller at karen@church.visitation.org.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICE RICE BOWL

Most people in Turkana, Kenya raise livestock, and a few are farmers. But the hot and dry climate makes this work difficult—and climate change is making it even harder. Rebecca and Lotiang participated in a Catholic Relief Services program that installed a water well and taught them new farming techniques. They can support their family with their crops and are teaching others in their community what they learned. How can you use your skills and knowledge to help others? Visit www.crsricebowl.org to learn more.



SISTER PARISH

Another medical delegation is in the works! If you are a doctor, nurse, physical therapist or any other type of practitioner, you are needed! For more information, email or call Jeph or Cherie Burroughs Scanlon at caburroughs@hotmail.com, lilysdadkc@gmail.com, 816-786-5374 or 816-444-6346.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER/VISITATION COMMUNITY GARDEN

The St. Francis Xavier/Visitation Food Pantry garden is swinging into action for the upcoming 2023 gardening season. All garden produce is used to fill orders at the St. Francis Xavier Food Pantry and any excess produce is donated to Kanbe's Markets. If you're interested in participating in the garden, please meet at St. Francis Xavier on Saturday, March 18 at 9:30 am to top off the gardening beds with soil and compost and/or Saturday, March 25 at 9:30 am to put some seeds and plants in the ground. If you have any questions, please email Alison Dudley at AlisonDudleyKC@gmail.com or Kelly Rawlings at KellyMRawlings@gmail.com.



RACIAL JUSTICE



As VIS RJC continues to grow and evolve, we see our work falling into three categories:

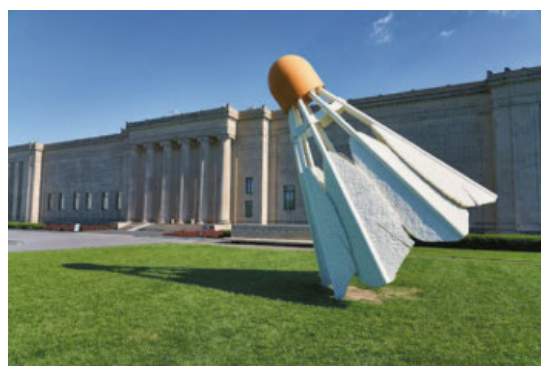
Celebrations (i.e. MLK prayer service)

Service Projects (anticipated 2023-24 for Vis School with Our Lady of Hope and St. Regis schools) and

Education/Formation (Cristo Rey Interns, Just Faith sessions, BHM book cart, etc.). And as we continue in this process, communication work is continuous.

This week we want to mention two opportunities to consider as ways of participating and honoring the gifts of diversity God has created.

- Visit the Nelson Atkins Museum some day this month where the portrait of Marian Anderson by Beauford Delaney is ensconced in the Nelson Gallery 219. It's on loan so it won't be in KC forever. There are several other paintings by Black artists in that same gallery 219, including a favorite of twosome, *The Lynch Family*. <https://tinyurl.com/yhv4ep86>



- *Watch Bill Russell: Legend* on Netflix. Bill Russell, the winningest NBA champion and civil rights icon, was larger than life, literally and figuratively. Sit down alone or with friends or with your kids and take in this film that is a lesson in basketball, in recent history and in civil rights. It is a magnificent testament to how one man used the gifts he was given to make a difference for good and for

right. Inspirational for any and all of us trying to figure out how to use our gifts to make a difference for good. Watch it—and talk about it! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ryHHifvsVwQ>

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.



Continuing the Conversation about RACISM AND OUR FAITH

Bishop James V. Johnston joins our April conversation to discuss the questions we composed in January and the future of diocesan-wide efforts to address racism. Participants will share one memory from our previous “Conversations” that moved them or made them think, and together we will look ahead as an Easter people committed to reconciliation and restoration. Please join us and invite a friend.

Thursday April 13, 2023

St. Monica Catholic Church * 1616 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64108

Doors Open at 6:30 p.m.

Program begins at 7:00 p.m.



RSVP appreciated



A logo for a golf tournament. It features a central white circle containing a golf ball with three golf clubs (two irons and one putter) behind it. The clubs are crossed at the heads. The circle is surrounded by a green laurel wreath. Above the circle are three yellow stars. The words "GOLF TOURNAMENT" are written in a white, bold, sans-serif font, curving around the top and sides of the central circle. The entire logo is set against a dark green background with two yellow circles in the top corners.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

SAVE THE DATE TO SUPPORT
VISITATION ATHLETICS!

May 11, 2023
1 pm shotgun

Hillcrest Golf
Course

This will be in lieu of a fall golf tournament. More information to follow, but please mark your calendar!
Questions? Email emilygretzinger@gmail.com

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Visitation's
dining out
program

Upcoming

SAT, MARCH 25: DONUTOLOGY

THUR, APRIL 13: CULVER'S • STATE LINE

TUES, MAY 2: CHUY'S • PLAZA

FRI, MAY 26: YOGURTINI • SOUTH PLAZA



New Date to Be Announced
APRIL 2023: SPIN • SOUTH PLAZA



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



VISITATION KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

LENTEN FISH FRY DINNER



ONLY ONE DINNER REMAINING - FRIDAY, MARCH 31

5:30-7:30 PM TIGHE HALL

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

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ABOUT TOWN

IGNATIAN WEEKEND: HABITS OF FREEDOM WITH FR. CHRIS COLLINS, SJ

April 15, 2023 - 8:30 am – 5:00 pm Ignatian Spirituality Center of Kansas City @Rockhurst University

Come spend a day to learn ways to choose God throughout your day. Fr. Chris Collins, SJ, will offer you practical tools to help you develop a habit of daily discernment that will lead to inner calm. This day will include time for reflection and faith sharing, in addition to Fr. Collins inspiring talks. For more information, visit <https://www.ignatiancenterkc.org/events> and look for Ignatian Weekend or call Stephanie Hudson at 816-381-9168.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES CELEBRATION OF HOPE GALA

"There is nothing more truly artistic than to love people."

- Vincent van Gogh

Catholic Charities of Kansas City-St. Joseph would like you to join us for our 2023 Celebration of Hope Gala at the Nelson Atkins Museum, where all can enjoy the art in their care and through its broad collection, the depths and complexities of human experiences that we all share.

- Become a sponsor, <https://www.catholiccharitiesgala.org/becomeasponsor> or
- Purchase tickets, <https://www.catholiccharitiesgala.org/individualetickets> or
- Make a patron gift, <https://www.catholiccharitiesgala.org/makeagift> to support the 2023 Celebration of Hope!





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Session 3: "Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son"

APRIL 19, 2023

TIGHE HALL

6:00 p.m.—Simple Supper Served

6:30 p.m.—Program Begins

"I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ." With these words of the Creed, we come to the heart of the matter. For all of distinctively Christian faith begins and ends with a particular person, Yeshua from Nazareth, the only begotten Son of the God of Israel, Light from Light, true God from true God. This proclamation, no less shocking nearly 2,000 years later, draws us into the depths of the divine life and into the mystery of the Incarnation.

LESSON 3: QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

What is the meaning of "salvation"? (Eph. 1:7-10, CCC 1066) And what would you say to someone who does not believe he/she needs salvation?

How does the belief that "God is love" support the doctrine of the Trinity? (CCC 221) And what in your life is a tangible experience of the Christian belief that "God is love"?

How is Jesus different from others who are in close friendship with God and often called sons or children of God? And does your perspective on Jesus' identity skew toward his humanity or to his divinity? If so, for what reasons?

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