

VISITATION PARISH
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 19, 2021



DECEMBER 24, CHRISTMAS EVE

3:00 PM MASS

Choir, Organ, Woodwinds, Strings and Brass Ensemble
Carols begin at 2:30 pm
Packed church; arrive early.

6:00 PM MASS

Vocal Quartet, Organ, Hand Bell Choir, Trumpet & Violin
Carols begin at 5:30 pm
Full church.

10:00 PM MASS

Choir, Organ, Woodwinds, Strings and Brass Ensemble
Carols begin at 9:30 pm
Seats available.

DECEMBER 25, CHRISTMAS MORNING

10:00 AM MASS

Choir, Organ, Trumpet & Violin
Carols begin at 9:30 am
Seats available.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

BLESSING OF THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Sunday, January 9, 2022 during 10:30 am. Mass
Invitation to all children of God baptized between
March 2020 and December 2021.

Recently baptized infants, children and adults are invited to a special blessing during the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday, January 9, 2022. This community blessing will take place on the Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord and a hospitality reception will follow in the narthex.

PEACE TREE THANK YOU

On behalf of all of the parishes, agencies and service providers listed on each Peace Tree tag, thank you for your generous contributions. For each gift card or gift you purchased an individual in need will be greatly helped. May you feel the blessings abound this Christmas season.

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. For more information, contact Teresa at

teresa@church.visitation.org.



While the kids are in class...

We invite any parish adult to study and pray with the S.O.R. parents during class time. The sacred spaces in the church are open for personal and communal prayer from 5:30 - 6:30 pm on Mondays when SOR is in session.

December 20 - Christmas Party for the Whole Family!

Christmas crafts, service opportunity, music, decorations and goodies. All ages are welcome.!

OUR SYMPATHY TO

Fr. Charles Rowe on the death of his father, Forrest "Frosty" Rowe.

REMEMBER OUR SICK

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
John Langle
Bryan Larson
Betsy Lazere
Jeanne Lendabarker
Anthony Lipari, Sr.
Jorge Maldonado
Scott Martens
Priscilla McInnes

Thomas McNamara
Tricia Melland
Birdie Mendence
Mary Montgomery
Lionel Morgan
Joe Noblitt
Maggie O'Neill
Jennifer Olson
Charles Oppenlander
Nicholas Parscale
Leonardo Passantino
Connie Perucca
Pat Piranio
Nicola Pistone
Kat Potter
Peggy Pruitt
Quinn Regan
Carol Riesmeyer
Ellie Rose
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

Gentle prayer list 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, Vicenza, Italy; Maj. Chris Oppenlander, Hill Airforce Base; Maj. Gisselle Oppenlander, Hill Airforce Base; Staff Sgt. Louis Perez, San Diego, CA.

RACIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Historical injustices in the Kansas City area have disproportionately impacted our African-American neighbors. One way to help address this inequity is to support black-owned businesses. Recently, the *Kansas City Star* published a guide to local black-owned businesses. As you continue your holiday shopping, consider patronizing one of these businesses. If you are finished with your shopping, consider following these businesses on your social media feeds to keep them on your radar.

[KC Star partners with magazine to feature Black-owned businesses | The Kansas City Star](#)



SCHOOL OF RELIGION



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COAT DRIVE

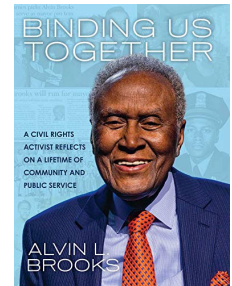
Our Visitation Knights Annual Front Porch Coat Drive is underway. Drop off your donations of coats and other winter items in the large boxes on the front porches of the Vasquez (5415 Baltimore), Steinert (5818 Central) and Fedinets (433 W. 69th St.) homes through January 7. Please clean out your basements, closets and kids rooms to show the generosity that Visitation is always known for.

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.



ABOUT TOWN

BISHOP SULLIVAN CENTER VOLUNTEER NEEDS

Do you have some extra time and want to make a difference right here in our community? Bishop Sullivan Center is seeking additional volunteers to help us provide food, jobs and aid to those less fortunate. We are currently seeking volunteers for the following opportunities at both our Truman and Troost locations (6435 Truman Rd and 3936 Troost Avenue: front desk and pantry volunteers Monday-Friday during business hours; data entry volunteers; mailing volunteers to assist monthly on Tuesday mornings; volunteers to pick up and deliver food weekday mornings; and volunteers to serve at our One City Café during late afternoon hours Monday-Friday. For additional information, please contact Michelle at 816-231-2971 or m.carlstedt@bishopsullivan.org.

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 – 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 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. As always, we are grateful for your ongoing support of Visitation Parish.

MASS INTENTIONS DECEMBER 21-26

Tuesday, December 21

6:45 am Mae Brown †
8:15am Marlon Mayhue †

Wednesday, December 22

6:45 am Kevin Lillis †
8:15 am Mary Jane DeBrock †

Thursday, December 23

6:45am Sgt. Raymond C. Owens †

Friday, December 24

3:00 pm Don Madden †
6:00pm Cathy McGee Scheurer †
10:00pm Dorothy Ford †

Saturday, December 25

10:00am Living & Deceased members of Visitation Parish

Sunday, December 26

8:00 am Dominic Passantino †
10:30 am Amy Thompson †

PARISH BOUNDARIES

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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

PARISH COUNCIL 2021-2022

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753-9061

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 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.

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LETTERS OF THANKS

FROM THE TAMALES KITCHEN

Dear Friends of the Tamale Kitchen,

"Faith is not protection from the storms, it is knowing that you will either find shelter or become it."

This past year and a half has made this quote very real for us. We believe that we have a path and a place in the community, however, the storms have cheated doubt. Your check came the same day as an opportunity for a retail outlet (Somerset Ridge Vineyard and Winery). Little did you know that you not only helped us shelter from the storm, but helped us become a shelter from the storm for our ladies and their families.

Please relay my profound gratitude to all.

Becky Gripp

FROM REDEMPTORIST CENTER

Greetings!

I just wanted to express my sincere appreciation to you and the wonderful folks from Visitation that partner in ministry. I am new at Redemptorist Center and enjoy my job but it is made even better by the partnerships we share in serving others.

Thank you! Thank you! Please know that it is noticed and means very much!

Bless you!

Bob Vickers

FROM HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

We want to let you know that with your help, we have been able to pay part of the salary of our full-time secretary and the person who is in charge of the maintenance of the parish buildings. We want to thank you for your generosity, since in these times of the pandemic we have been in a very tough situation. People like you make it possible for this office to remain open and our buildings in good shape.

Thank you very much for your help!

Many Blessings

Reverend Olvin Giron

Parochial Administrator

FROM MORNING GLORY MINISTRIES

Dear Members of the Visitation Catholic Community,

Thank you for your recent \$900 gift to Morning Glory Ministries. You are a light shining in the dark for those who need to find a way. May God bless you for your kindness to the homeless.

Father Paul Turner

FROM TROOST 39

Thank you! We are so grateful for your support and assistance!

Toni and ALL at Troost 39