

VISITATION PARISH
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 15, 2022



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

Saturday3:00 pm

Weekday Masses (St. Joseph Chapel)

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday.....6:45 am
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday..... 8:15 am
Saturday..... 8:15 am

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter Season Concert

Visitation Choir & Handbell Choir
Sunday, May 15, 2022 3:00 pm

TODAY, SUNDAY, MAY 15 AT 3:00 PM
*Come hear the Visitation Choir and Handbell Choir
as they perform an Easter concert.*

KANSAS CITY SERVICE RETREAT FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

THE LAZURUS PROJECT

Sunday, June 5 - Wednesday, June 8

The Lazarus Project is a service retreat based on Catholic Social teaching. Tom Turner, Education coordinator for Morning Glory Ministries, will facilitate guided discussions. Students will have multiple direct service opportunities each day as well as time for prayer, reflection and fun. Please sign up today by emailing karen@church.visitation.org.



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, May 21 from 9:00 - 11:00 am in the Faith Formation Room**. We will prayerfully walk through the Rite of Baptism and learn about its ancient and rich sacramental symbols.

- New parents are required to complete Baptism preparation prior to their child's baptism.
- All are welcome! Parents who want 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 or teresa@church.visitation.org.



WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

WEDDINGS

The parish extends prayers and congratulations to Claire Shadid and Dr. Robert Dorenbusch, on their wedding here at Visitation on May 7.

REMEMBER OUR SICK

Suzanne Adams	Priscilla McInnes
Pamela Atherton	Tim MacNamara
Maggie Quirarte Bates	Thomas McNamara
Marilyn Frechin Blank	Tricia Melland
Dorothy Bock	Birdie Mendence
Leonardo Borders	Andy Metzler
Mary Ann Brown	Lionel Morgan
Mike Caraway	Maggie O'Neill
Shari Caraway	Jennifer Olson
Marianne Carl	Charles Oppenlander
Beverly Cascone	Nicholas Parscale
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Jimmy Connell	Kat Potter
Allie May Dudenhoeffer	Peggy Pruitt
Shana Gadt	Ruth Quirarte
Susie Haake	Quinn Regan
Brooke Kuechler Harris	Carol Riesmeyer
Mike Henninger	Ellie Rose
Joe Irwin	The Ryan Family
William Jewell	The Saalberg Family
Lee Jones	Gary Schafer
Jaquie Kallman	Fran Schuetz
Peg Kallman	Barbara Schulte
Shirley Kempker	Aimee Sesler
Marriane Kersten	Sandra Sharp
John Langle	Special Intention
Bryan Larson	Jeannie Sullivan
Betsy Lazere	Salvador Valldeperas, Sr.
Jeanne Lendabarker	Annabelle Whalen
Anthony Lipari, Sr.	Dave Wittrock
Jorge Maldonado	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 8

On Alert: Team 10

A LITTLE VISITATION

Dear Friends,

Things pile up in my mind like bent and rusty sedans heaped together in a junkyard. I have to separate them, one from another, just to see what is there. The matter of these bulletin columns is a case in point. I am writing this obviously enough, but Janet Ridder, the swell woman who does the parish bulletin, has told me, "I thought you stopped doing those." Heck, I don't know. Does anybody read these things anymore? It seems like all of our inter-parochial communication mojo has dripped over onto the weekly Video Visitation. I used to like writing these things, in the long ago times when I had a few minutes to do them. Maybe it is my imagination but it seems like these days there is no time for anything but to chase the pastoral oilcan over to the next yowling squeak. I think a big part of the new challenge for me is taking care of my father. That has turned into a genuinely close and often laborious undertaking. And it is like pushing sand uphill in a windstorm. Much effort is required to accomplish nearly nothing and the nearly nothing that is accomplished needs redoing in a matter of days. But, as is the case with so much in life, what is one to do? I just take it a day at a time. You know, getting older is a blessing in so many ways mostly because greater relative clarity about so much in life comes with the accrual of years. At this point in my mortal course, I know the Holy Spirit has taken a shine to me. The Spirit sees that stuff comes out ok for me, no matter how perplexed, or busy, or outright misguided, I am. And I know it will happen this time too. All I need to do is the best I can and God will handle the rest. So I will just stand here and wait to be surprised.



Now, a funny thing happened to me on the way to getting this bulletin column done. My desk fell apart. Yeah. Well, not the whole thing, mind you, just the part that holds the computer keyboard. I never remember a calamity like this ever befalling me back in the good old days of my Royal office manual typewriter. Good thing too, because if that thing fell on me it would break my foot. It hurts just thinking about it. But now I type this with the computer keyboard whopper jawed in my lap. It has suddenly developed a tilt, kind of like a rocking chair, which is just one more annoying habit to add to its long list of negative attributes. Fortunately, I found a bright red golf tee laying on the ground outside the other day. At the time I said to myself, "Hey Self, you ought not throw away this here bright red golf tee on account of you never can tell when that decrepit keyboard holder on your desk will break and the infernal plastic computer keyboard will go a tilting in your lap." Yep. That is what I said to myself. So now I have that golf tee holding up one corner of the seesawing keyboard and danged if it does not work better than ever. 'Tis no wonder so many of you Visitation people take up golf, it is such a handy game.

By now, you can tell that I really do not have anything to say to you, can't you? If I were a more responsible and holy pastor I would take this space and time to impart a word of grave catechesis or at least sagaciously encourage you on your weary travels upon the right road. But I am smack out of holy bromides today. Maybe the heat has gotten to me and boiled all of them away, such as there were.

Ah, two things I see on the horizon that bear hasty mention: Out of absolutely nowhere a young man named Eric Wachira called me saying that the perpetually glorious Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph has deputized him to speak at Sunday Masses this weekend about the seminarian collection. So that will be interesting. PLEASE make a sweet donation to his cause for really it is our cause. That a young man, just as rife with promise and endowed with talent as any of your children, should try to devote his life to the ordained ministry is a noteworthy thing. We could do worse things with our money than try to help him and his peers. Also, on Thursday we graduate this year's crop of Eighth Graders. Many of them have matriculated here for nine long years! Amazing! For that they really ought to get some more consequential prize than the right to continue their torture in high school. But, it is fitting and just that they become versed in the tedious ways of the world. Just don't worry too much kids. In most respects it gets a good deal better - if you listen to your teachers and live according to their lessons. I promise. If you do not, then for all your ennui, you ain't seen nothin' yet.

In our Holy Communion,
Msgr. Bradley S. Offutt

MASS INTENTIONS MAY 10-15

Tuesday, May 17

6:45 am Shaundra †
8:15 am Polly Donnelly †

Wednesday, May 18

6:45 am Greg, Julie, & Geo Malter
8:15 am David Offutt †

Thursday, May 19

6:45 am Catherine Bingert †

Friday, May 20

8:15 am David Wiedeman †

Saturday, May 21

8:15am Samuel MacDonald †
4:00 pm Kenny Marx †

Sunday, May 22

8:00 am Michelle Chollet †
10:30 am People of Visitation

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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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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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.

FINANCIAL

Contribution income in March exceeded budget by \$36,188 or 13.4 % increasing the year-to-date surplus in contributed revenue to \$156,405 or 4.62% of budget. This upswing is rooted in timing differences in the giving patterns of a number of donors during the calendar year. While this represents a gain in our parish financial position it creates concerns about the alignment with our budget in the months to come. It is our sincere hope that any parishioners who have not yet fulfilled their 2021 pledge will do so before the end of our fiscal year in June in order to keep our contributed revenue inline with our budget over the coming months.

Other Income, which includes Ministry and Program Fees, miscellaneous one-time donations, school tuition, registration fees and after care fees lagged behind budget by only \$31 in March, bringing our Total Operating Income to a positive \$36,157 or 13.39% over budget.

Parish expenses were over budget for March by \$25,944, in large part due to personnel expenses (3 week payroll) and general operational expenses.

Year-to-date contributions and Other Income shows a surplus of \$156,405 and \$7,891. Operating expenses is over budget by \$62,432 creating a YTD surplus of \$101,864. Compared to the prior fiscal year to date, Parish Net Income for 2021/2022 surpassed last year's results by an amazing \$182,632. This particular positive variance, however, will fluctuate from month to month as the year progresses, due in part to normal contribution and expenditure timing differences.

	Month of March 2022		
	Actual	Budget	Difference
Contribution Income	\$ 291,996	\$ 255,808	\$ 36,188
Other Income	\$ 14,094	\$ 14,124	\$ (31)
Total Operating Income	\$ 306,090	\$ 269,933	\$ 36,157
Operating Expense	\$ 438,471	\$ 412,526	\$ (25,944)
Net	\$ (132,381)	\$ (142,594)	\$ 10,213

	Fiscal YTD (July-March)		
	Actual	Budget	Difference
Contribution Income	\$ 3,544,179	\$ 3,387,773	\$ 156,405
Other Income	\$ 884,646	\$ 876,755	\$ 7,891
Total Operating Income	\$ 4,428,825	\$ 4,264,529	\$ 164,296
Operating Expense	\$ 3,887,778	\$ 3,825,346	\$ (62,432)
Net	\$ 541,047	\$ 439,183	\$ 101,864

	Fiscal YTD Last		
	Fiscal YTD This Year	Year	Difference
Contribution Income	\$ 3,544,179	\$ 3,362,433	\$ 181,746
Other Income	\$ 884,646	\$ 760,983	\$ 123,663
Total Operating Income	\$ 4,428,825	\$ 4,123,416	\$ 305,409
Operating Expense	\$ 3,887,778	\$ 3,765,001	\$ (122,777)
Net	\$ 541,047	\$ 358,415	\$ 182,632

RACIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE/FAITH FORMATION



Our Neighbors at Second Presbyterian Church are also working to educate themselves on the issues of racial justice. They generously shared this Indigenous Resource List: Podcasts, Music and More that provides several ways in which to read and reflect on the work of justice. The list can be found by clicking on the link below or by going to the Second Presbyterian church Website.

[Indigenous Resource List – Second Presbyterian Church Site](#)

SOCIAL CONCERNS

MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

If you or someone you love needs support, the **National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI)** can help.

NAMI HELPLINE

1-800-950-NAMI (6264) available **Monday through Friday, 9:00 am-9:00 pm CST.**

The NAMI HelpLine is a free, nationwide peer-support service providing information, resource referrals and support to people living with a mental health condition, their family members, caregivers, mental health providers and the public .



O God of light and knowledge, we pray that darkness, fear and ignorance about serious mental illnesses might be dispelled by the light of knowledge. We pray for peace and wholeness – for those with troubled minds and hearts, that broken lives and relationships might be mended.



COMMUNITY GARDEN – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

One or two volunteers are needed to help thin fruits on the peach and apple trees, training will be provided. If you are interested in being part of a team that makes a difference, please contact Alison Dudley at 914-3528 or alisondudleykc@gmail.com.



REFUGEE SERVICES- HELP NEEDED

If you are interested in refugee resettlement and want to work with other Visitation parishioners to help a family in transition, please email karen@church.visitation.org or call Karen Miller at 381-6914. Team leaders and volunteers will be needed to pursue this opportunity

SANTA MARIA MADRE DE LOS POBRES

Friends of Maria Madre de los Pobres and fellow healthcare workers,

Our Sister Parish clinic in El Salvador is faced with challenges - now more than ever. The Madre Steering Committee is hopeful that we can send a Medical Delegation in October 2022. We are reaching out to find enough doctors, APRNs, Nurses, PT/OT, pharmacists, dietitians that may be open and willing to this adventure. Please contact Karen at 381-6914 or email karen@church.visitation.org.



HOPE FAITH MINISTRIES is reopening the sewing center and is looking for a volunteer to assist in teaching and guiding sewing projects. The time is Thursday morning from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Please contact Bill Staggs if interested at 304-3264 or willstaggs48@gmail.com.

SOCIAL SERVICES

WEEKLY FOOD COLLECTION FOR GUARDIAN ANGELS

Next week's food collection will be donated to Guardian Angels which is located at 1310 Westport Road. The food pantry at Guardian Angels helps many local community members. In addition to food, they support families with holiday gifts, school supplies and small household items. The food pantry appreciates every single donation. Food Pantry Wish List: Canned pasta ravioli, dish soap, laundry soap, bar soap, deodorant, toilet paper, shampoo and lotion. Thank you for your generous support! Please bring your donations to the basket in the narthex.

ONE CITY CAFE

Everyone is welcome to join us every 2nd & 4th Thursday (next on May 26) 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. With the new design of the space, there is a need for at least 15 volunteers. For more information, contact Bill Staggs at 304-3264 or willstaggs48@gmail.com.

MORNING GLORY CAFE is a ministry of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception downtown Kansas City to help those in need with a morning meal in a warm (or cool) environment every Tuesday through Friday. Visitation Church provides volunteers for the 1st and 3rd Tuesday (next on May 17) for approximately 150 guests. To volunteer, contact Sandie McCray at simntandie@aol.com.

GOLDEN SHAMROCKS



VISITATION GOLDEN SHAMROCKS

Spring Fling - faith, fellowship & film

TUESDAY, MAY 17, FOLLOWING 8:15 AM MASS

Join us for brunch and a showing of the film, *Mary, Life After Jesus . . . The Road to Ephesus*. Parishioner Bill Quatman will join us for a Q&A following the film.

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VISITATION RESPECT LIFE

Dignity for Expectant Mothers Drive for Mary's House

Simple acts of kindness provide the dignity expectant mothers deserve.

This Mother's Day, May 8, Visitation's Respect Life Committee will begin collecting donations for *Mary's House*, a residence for homeless pregnant women seeking emotional, material & spiritual assistance. Women can reside at Mary's House for up to two years post-delivery while acquiring training and learning skills necessary to raise children and maintain employment in a healthy and stable home environment. Mary's House is a local outreach of the Gabriel Project, a national organization whose mission is to provide confidential, compassionate outreach to women in crisis facing unplanned pregnancies.

MARY'S HOUSE SUGGESTED DONATION ITEMS:

NEW BABY TOYS - INFANTS TO 24 MONTHS
DENTAL FLOSS
TOOTHBRUSHES - ALL AGES
PAPER TOWELS & NAPKINS
DIAPERS
DIAPER CREAM



NEW CAR SEATS
NAIL POLISH & REMOVER FOR MOMS
GIFT CARDS (\$10-\$50) - FOR TARGET,
WAL-MART, QUIK TRIP OR HY-VEE
MOVIE PASSES

DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED THROUGH **MAY 31.**

**VISITATION'S RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE IS
GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

