

VISITATION PARISH  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MAY 18, 2025



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 8TH GRADE GRADUATES OF 2025!

SHANE ANDERSON  
ROBERT ARTHUR  
THOMAS JAMES BECK  
BRADY RICHARD BRASELTON  
BARON BURNS  
CADEN JAMES CALLAHAN  
JOSEPHINE MARIE CANINO  
BO ISABELLA CHANEY  
NORA JEWEL CLARKSON  
DAVID COLOMBO  
AMELIE JULIANNE DENNIS  
ISABELLA BEATRICE DENNY  
CALVIN ROARK DINGLEY  
ELI PASCHAL DIRKS  
SIMON JAMES FENDLER  
MARLO ROSE FILING  
LILA ROSE GAARDER  
XAVIER JON GAUL  
MARGARETHE GREIM

EDWARD MICHAEL HAGENHOFF  
BRIDGET MARIE HALL  
ZOEY HUGUNIN  
RORY MICHAEL KELLY  
ADELYN ROSE KNAPP  
JAKOB MILLER KOBLER  
CHARLOTTE ANNE MARIE LANGLADE  
CHAROLINE RAYE LARSON  
RYAN KILLIAN LEWELLEN  
JIMMY LYNCH  
LAWSON MAGINN  
LAINEY MARIE MCNAMAMY  
LAUREN MARIE MCPHERSON  
CHLOE MOLLOY  
EVAN P. MOYLAN  
SYLVIA MUNJAK-KHOURY  
BRIDGET A. MURRAY  
EMILY MYRE  
CURTIS PATRICK O'LAUGHLIN

LILIANA ADDIS O'NEILL  
FIONA O'SULLIVAN  
SOPHIE WOODS PAYNE  
FIONA POIRY  
ALEXANDRA QUIRARTE  
ISAAC M. RITCHIE  
SPENCER ROBINSON  
CHARLOTTE ANN ROGERS  
SEAMUS ROOT  
WILLIAM LAUREN RUNDLE  
COLT SCANLON  
KATE LOUISE SCHILLING  
CARSON PARICIA SEBUS  
MARY CLARE STANISLAV  
PETER ROBERT TAYLOR  
DANICA KATHRYN TORLINE  
OLIVER WIEBE

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Our summer office hours will begin on May 30. We will be open from 8:30 am -4:30 pm Monday thru Thursday and on Friday from 8:30 - 12:30 pm.

### MEMORIAL DAY

Our office will be closed on Monday, May 26. Join us for Memorial Day Mass at 9:00 am in the St. Joseph Chapel.

### TOMORROW'S PRIEST COLLECTION

Today's second envelope supports priest formation in our diocese. An envelope for this purpose may be found in your packets. If you did not bring your envelope today, you may do so next week or contribute to this collection on our online giving page.

## PENTECOST CONCERT

*featuring the Visitation Choir*



Sunday, June 8, 4:00 pm  
Free admission

Reception to follow

## VIS ART ROCKS!



## WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

### ADORATION

All are welcome to participate in adoration which is offered every Wednesday in the St. Joseph Chapel from 9:00 am- 5:00 pm.

### ROSARY FOR THE SICK

The rosary for the sick will continue to be held on Wednesdays in the St. Joseph Chapel at 5:30 pm.

## PRAYING FOR OTHERS IS WHAT CONNECTS US TO GOD AND ONE ANOTHER.

### REMEMBER OUR SICK

Earl Adam  
Pamela Atherton  
Bill Blanck, Sr.  
Jerry Calkins  
Marianne Carl  
Mary Beth Cicchetti  
Kay Dierks  
Whit Emanuels  
Susan Erwin  
Bill Fuss  
Brooke Kuechler Harris  
Kristin Heyer  
Megan Hoefer  
Margaret Howard  
Joe Irwin  
William Jewell  
Bryan Larson  
Jeanne Lendabarker  
Jake Lynch

Jolene Lynn  
Bob Lystad  
Scott Martens  
Joe McLiney  
Tim McNamara  
Tricia Melland  
Jen O'Neill  
Peggy Pruitt  
Laine Riehle  
Ellie Rose  
Kathy Scaglia  
Gary Schafer  
Barbara Schulte  
Aimee Sesler  
Sandra Sharp  
Kathy Sims  
Danny Smith  
Special Intention  
Salvador Valldeperas, Sr.  
Dave Wittrock

### SICK LIST

Please call Jenny Greene at 816-753-5155 x1309 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 any additional support if needed.

### 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 # 12

On Alert: Team # 6



## PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners,

The month of May means many things in our parish community: the arrival of spring, First Communion, Mother's Day, the end of the school year, our parish feast, baptisms, weddings, graduations and much more! This year it also means the kickoff of our Shared VISION Capital Campaign! The Feasibility Study we conducted a couple of years ago made it clear that our parish community would support this campaign to renovate our school and add updates to promote 21st Century Learning. After some significant changes in the past couple of years, we are ready to embark on this campaign!



We have shared the vision with several groups of lead givers, along with school parents, but are now offering every parishioner the invitation to learn more about the campaign and the goals we've established. **Join us in Tighe Hall to view renderings, learn more about the Campaign and the hope-filled future of Visitation Parish & School:**

- May 28 - 6:30 pm
- May 31 - after 4:00 pm Mass
- June 1 - after 8:00 & 10:30 am Masses

All are welcome to attend these events and learn more about the renovation plans for Visitation School

We are grateful to Terry & Lindsey Anderson for chairing this campaign, and to Mark & Amy Thompson and Tom and Virginia Coppinger for serving as Honorary Chairs. Their leadership, along with the great work of our campaign committee, has already generated some significant support and excitement! I hope you can join the journey and attend one of these upcoming events.

Peace,

Fr. Greg

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



| MASS INTENTIONS<br>MAY 20-25  |               | MINISTRY SCHEDULE - MAY 24-25  |  |   |
|---|---------------|--|--|---|
|   |               | 4:00 PM  | 8:00 AM  | 10:30 AM  |
| <b>Tuesday, May 20</b><br>6:45 am Mae Brown †<br>8:15 am Robert & Terese Schrick †<br><br><b>Wednesday, May 21</b><br>6:45 am Jerry & DeDe Murphy †<br>8:15 am John Mura †<br><br><b>Thursday, May 22</b><br>6:45 am Michele Chollet †<br><br><b>Friday, May 23</b><br>8:15 am Donna Seigfreid †<br><br><b>Saturday, May 24</b><br>8:15am Santa Maria Madre de los Pobres<br>4:00 pm Pat Keens †<br><br><b>Sunday, May 25</b><br>8:00 am Fr. Robert Rost †<br>10:30 am People of Visitation | ALTAR SERVERS | J. Tuttle<br>S. Anderson<br>R. Waldrup   | G. Bowen sub req.<br>D. Colombo<br>G. Greim  | J. Lynch sub req.<br>C. Carney<br>E. Strupp   |
|   | E MS          | C. Brain<br>D. Bruegging<br>T. Cotton<br>T. Egan<br>M. Garrett<br>S. Garrett<br>M. Hodes<br>M. Lising<br>S. O'Neill<br>J. Waldrup<br>L. Waters | P. Clarke<br>T. Colburn<br>J. Colombo<br>V. Coppinger<br>J. Dickmeyer<br>J. Grego<br>C. Jackson<br>A. Leimora<br>A. McDonald<br>C. Schorgl<br>H. Shinn | A. Bergner<br>A. Florez<br>E. Florez<br>M. Florez<br>G. Herrenbruck<br>J. Johnson<br>T. Mayer<br>L. McLiney<br>L. Meyers<br>C. Spaeth<br>NOT FILLED |
|   |               | D. Brain<br>P. Fanning   | K. Brown   | D. Closson  |
|   |               | C. Maggiorotto<br>W. Maggiorotto<br>NOT FILLED   | M. Dakan<br>T. Dakan<br>NOT FILLED   | M. Benvenuti<br>S. Benvenuti<br>R. Lang   |
|   | SACR. USHERS  | R. Steinert  | B. Truta   | S. Mayer  |

#### PARISH BOUNDARIES

State Line on the West to Oak St. on the East;  
47th Street on the North to Meyer Blvd on the South

**PARISH OFFICE, Monday-Friday: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM**

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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

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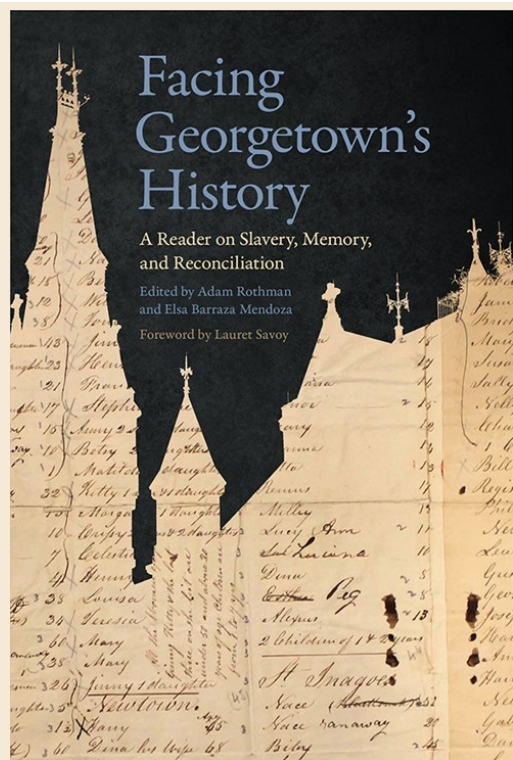
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## RACIAL JUSTICE



The Racial Justice Committee will host a discussion on *Facing Georgetown's History: A Reader on Slavery, Memory and Reconciliation*, edited by Adam Rothman and Elsa Barraza Mendoza, on **Tuesday, June 10 at 7:00 pm** in the Retreat Room. RJC members David Bruegging and Linda Hughes will lead the discussion of this collection of essays. Past Just Faith participants and all parishioners will have the opportunity to learn a more full version of the Catholic church's complicity with slavery, and the reconciliation process planned and implemented by Georgetown Jesuit leaders. Facilitators will also provide an update on the reconciliation process at Georgetown.



### CRISTO REY INTERNS

Visitation's Racial Justice Committee began a collaborative initiative in 2021 that has allowed the parish and school to work together in order to bring four Cristo Rey High School students to work as interns at Visitation School. Over 117 parishioners have made contributions (\$9,000 per student this coming year) to make this happen.

Each year we review the initiative. To date, all who are involved - parish and school leaders, involved faculty, donor parents and the committee who initiated this collaboration (VIS RJC) - support the continuation of the Cristo Rey intern program at Visitation School.

As we have contacted past donors to thank them for their support, we continue to hear good things including this statement from parishioner Katie Wendel:

*"It is my pleasure to support Cristo Rey through my contribution to Visitation. Having been involved with CR for many years (even Dancing with the Stars) I believe in the importance of the CR students to be involved in the community outside of their comfort zone and have witnessed firsthand the growth that occurs. By supporting this endeavor at Visitation, I believe it is a wonderful learning experience that crosses boundaries and creates acceptance and respect for both groups of students."*

We are grateful for the support of so many parishioners - school parents as well as many from the larger parish community - and look forward to another successful year.

## FAITH AND GRIEF



### FAITH & GRIEF GATHERING IN TIGHE HALL

"A time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance." Ecclesiastes 3:4 Quote of the Day: "Laughter is the sound of the soul dancing." – Unknown



Wednesday, June 4, 2025 @ 12:00 Noon

Speaker: Nancy Schorgl - Lessons Learned When Impacted by an Accidental Loss

*Nancy will share the insights she learned while grieving the accidental death of her niece, and the hardening of her heart toward her sister, who precipitated the events leading to the fatal injury.*

Visit [faithandgrief.org](http://faithandgrief.org) or scan the QR code to RSVP for a gathering and learn more about all our grief programs online and in-person.



### **NEW** Faith & Grief Online Caregiver Support Gathering

**Fourth Monday of each month from 1:00-2:00 pm CDT**

Register on the Faith & Grief website

Join this monthly offering online for sharing experiences, encouragement and support. Caring for a loved one can be meaningful and challenging; finding support from others who understand can make a difference

[www.faithandgrief.org](http://www.faithandgrief.org)

## GOLDEN SHAMROCKS

Visitation Golden Shamrocks'



# SUMMER BBQ

**Tuesday, June 3 12:00 Noon Tighe Hall**

Join us for a tasty lunch of burgers, brats and more.

Following lunch, there will be plenty of time for games and fellowship! RSVP to 816-753-7422.



## ABOUT TOWN

### REDEMPTORIST— PRESENTATION ON BLESSED STANLEY ROTHER

On Monday, June 9 at 7:00 pm, Redemptorist will host Fr. Don Wolf, a priest from the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, who will speak about Blessed Stanley Rother. Fr. Rother was martyred in 1981 in Guatemala where he was serving as a missionary in Santiago Atitlan. In 2015, the Vatican formally recognized him as a martyr. He was beatified in 2017 in Oklahoma City. Blessed Stanley Rother is the first martyr from the United States and the first U.S.-born priest to be beatified. Fr. Wolf is a cousin to Blessed Stanley Rother and will speak in the Garden Room at Redemptorist.



# SHAMROCK SNAPSHOT

## VISITATION CELEBRATES STEWARDSHIP AND SERVICE

Following our all-school Mass, Visitation held its annual End-of-Year Stewardship Assembly to honor students for their outstanding commitment to serving others. Students in grades K–4 were recognized for completing over 25 hours of stewardship, while students in grades 5–8 were celebrated for contributing more than 50 hours.

A highlight of the assembly was the presentation of the Becca Lueke Award to 8th graders David Colombo and Lila Gaarder, honoring their exceptional dedication to service and leadership.

The Visitation Junior Board also announced this year's grant recipients, awarding a total of \$9,500 to local nonprofit organizations:

\$1,000 each to Veterans Community Project, The Rabbit Hole, and Ronald McDonald House; \$1,500 to Kanbe's Markets; \$2,000 to Welcome House; \$2,500 to KC Mothers in Charge.

The Junior Board is a student-led foundation of 7th and 8th graders who partner with area nonprofits through hands-on service. Students research organizations, volunteer their time, and present their work for the chance to earn grant funding to support the missions they believe in.

Stewardship is a core pillar of life at Visitation, and the Junior Board exemplifies this value in action. We are incredibly proud of all our students for their dedication to helping others—and congratulations to the Junior Board teams who earned grants to support these worthy organizations!



## SOCIAL CONCERNS

### EASTER AND EARTH DAY ACTIVITIES, 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF POPE FRANCIS' LETTER "LAUDATO SI", AND POPE LEO XIV

EASTER 2025 was April 20. EARTH DAY 2025 was April 22. Catholics connected their lives to the Resurrection event and to the irreplaceable role of Hope in their lives in celebrating Easter and then called on hope again on Earth Day almost immediately after. The importance of Easter was not confined to April 20, nor was the importance of Earth Day confined to April 22. Here are specific examples.



**Climate GKC**, the voluntary civic council that links Greater Kansas City to the national environmental movement, convened leading business, elected government and private business leaders to their **4<sup>th</sup> Climate Action KC summit**, on Saturday, April 5 at the Unity Temple on the Plaza. The agenda was to evaluate where the GKC climate control effort stood in the light of contemporary national governmental actions intended to destabilize the climate control movement. Local leaders indicated they saw the need to continue the control of carbon emissions and not to be thrown off their course of previously planned actions to meet climate control levels locally. The climate control movement in our hometown area needs to stay alive per its leaders.

At various times and dates before and after Earth Day, over a dozen environmentally focused local agencies offered sessions updating issues, e.g., limiting the use of plastics, taking a critical look at the efficiencies and inefficiencies of recycling glass, paper and metals, lessening food waste, composting, using smarter shopping practices and protecting natural environments.

As an example of action at a **parish level**, **St Thomas More** invited parishioners and neighboring parishes to view the film "We are all plastic people now" (available on You Tube) followed by discussion. As a practical matter, they distributed a handout on seven "smart alternatives to plastic wrap for a healthier kitchen." Participants at the meeting reflected that our society needs now to deal with single-use plastics the way society has learned to reduce smoking tobacco. Plastics make up an oversized amount of the pollution threatening our water bodies and now plastic particles are showing up in the blood streams of our own bodies.

The **Catholic Climate Covenant** organization marked Earth Day by creating a workshop that could be used on Earth Day-or on similar occasions focused on care of the earth (See "**Earth Day program**" at catholicclimatecovenant.org). It includes a "facilitator's guide" that would be helpful for anyone working with a small group or using the program as a private learning experience, along with suggestions for opening and closing prayers, and four appropriate readings for reflection and discussion. The commentary also reminded us that Pope Francis' encyclical "Laudato Si", "the most influential statement ever written about our current environmental crisis," is always valuable in such discussions. The authors added the reminder that "the United States is historically the largest contributor to conditions creating climate change and still has the highest per-capita emission of any other country."



## SOCIAL CONCERNS

### Earth Day, continued.

Relevant to the Easter season and Earth Day, the CCC also highlighted a keynote address by Joseph Tyson, Bishop of Yakima, WA, on Pope Francis' Vision for Ecology. The theme was **the inner connectedness of human ecology, creation and the common good**. Bishop Tyson pointed out that "the study of salvation is not about escaping the world but about rescuing and redeeming it." Social and environmental issues are interconnected. "The idea of redemption involves not just human salvation but the liberation of all creation... This principle urges us to care for both the planet and the people, especially the marginalized as part of God's redemptive plan."



In its Earth Day mailing, the **Sierra Club** reflected that over the past 50 years Earth Day has multiple times been a catalyst for transformation: e.g., clean water, clean air, lessening pollution. What started in local communities ended creating a national impact through national legislation. The message this year is the continued need to resist the fossil fuel industry and fight back against government administrative actions reversing the progress of the past decade. "In short, they (the current national administration) are putting our forests and rivers, our prairies and streams, our oceans and coastal habitats at urgent risk... We can and will defend the natural places we love... Never give up!"

Following the exciting event of the papal conclave, **Pope Leo XIV** has already indicated on several occasions that he has been and will be continuing to follow the initiative of Pope Francis to protect the earth through an "integral ecology." In an address to the Pontifical Commission for Latin America prior to his election, he concluded, "in the case of the ecological crisis, it is time to move from words to action." Don't be surprised if in late May or this coming December, on the **10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical letter Laudato Si**, Pope Leo XIV will be adding his own positive words encouraging our spiritual practices of deep gratitude to our Father/Creator of this wonderful world and for increased care of our only common home.

### AGENCY SPOTLIGHT

#### Alexandra's House

On April 28, 1997, Alexandra's House was founded as a non-profit corporation with its purpose being expressed as a baby hospice, for the term "perinatal hospice" had not yet been characterized. Initially the mission was

operated from a private home until it moved into a larger space to accommodate families, and was supported by the founder's personal income until 2003. The first baby was referred to the home in 1999 and now Alexandra's House operates full-time, in person and also online, by phone, whatever is needed, to serve families and their dying babies for free. For more information you can go to their website at:

<https://www.alexandrashouse.com/latest-news>.





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