

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
VISITATION PARISH
FEBRUARY 5, 2023



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 lifelong 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.

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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



WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

SCHOOL OF RELIGION FAMILY DINNER MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6 AT 6:15 PM IN TIGHE HALL.

Join us for "Breakfast for Dinner" courtesy of the parish Knights of Columbus. The whole household is invited! This is a great opportunity to include older siblings, grandparents, godparents, nannies and neighbors in need.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2023

To celebrate Black History Month our Racial Justice Committee is sponsoring a book cart located in the narthex. Feel free to grab a book or two and learn something new. Books for all ages!

See Instructions on the cart for checkout. If you happen to have a book from last year's cart, please return it! Thanks!

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Are you a baptized adult who made their First Communion as a child but was never Confirmed in the Catholic Church? Each year in early June, the diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph celebrates a Confirmation Mass with the Bishop. If you would like to prepare for this Sacrament, please contact Teresa Albright at 816-753-5155 x1306.

BAPTISM

Last month we welcomed these children to their new life in Christ through the saving waters of baptism.

- **Robert Porter Bascom**, child of Joseph & Kathryn Bascom
- **Sophia Madeline Deleeuw**, child of Robert & Nicole Deleeuw
- **Myles Lockett Garrett**, child of Daniel & Victoria Lockett
- **Eloise Marie Herring**, child of Matthew & Rachael Herring
- **Louis Alexander Shoemaker**, child of John & Concetta Shoemaker
- **Caroline Marie & Cecilia Jean Torres**, children of Ricardo & Carissa Torres
- **Brooks Michael Lammers**, child of Keyton & Kelsey Lammers

WEDDINGS

The parish extends prayers and congratulations to Julia Hammond and Peter Hefferon who were married on January 28.

OUR SYMPATHY

to Lisa, Evan and Alec Dubbert on the death of their husband and father, Tom.

REMEMBER OUR SICK

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|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Pamela Atherton | Scott Martens |
| Maggie Quirarte Bates | Priscilla McInnes |
| Marilyn Frechin Blank | Tim McNamara |
| Leonardo Borders | Thomas McNamara |
| Chase Brundridge | Tricia Melland |
| Mike Caraway | Birdie Mendence |
| Shari Caraway | Andy Metzler |
| Marianne Carl | Lionel Morgan |
| Beverly Cascone | Dede Murphy |
| Mary Beth Cicchetti | Jennifer Olson |
| Olivia Connealy | Charles Oppenlander |
| Jean Cummings | Nicholas Parscale |
| Allie May Dudenhoeffer | Nicola Pistone |
| Bill Fuss | Kat Potter |
| Shana Gadt | Peggy Pruitt |
| Brooke Kuechler Harris | Ruth Quirarte |
| Mike Henninger | Quinn Regan |
| Joe Irwin | Ellie Rose |
| William Jewell | The Ryan Family |
| Erin Kallman | The Saalberg Family |
| Jaquie Kallman | Fran Schuetz |
| Shirley Kempker | Barbara Schulte |
| Marriane Kersten | Aimee Sesler |
| Kevin Koch | Sandra Sharp |
| John Langle | Special Intention |
| Bryan Larson | Jeannie Sullivan |
| Betsy Lazere | Salvador Valldeperas, Sr. |
| Jeanne Lendabarker | Annabelle Whalen |
| Anthony Lipari, Sr. | Dave Wittrock |
| Mary Lipari | Leigh Ann Zeller |
| Jorge Maldonado | |

PRAYER LIST: *Gentle reminder, if you find your name missing from the list it isn't because we don't care - we have tried to contact you and see how you are and either did not get a response or our contact information for you is incorrect. If you still wish to be on the list please let us know and make sure we have your current contact information, we*

MASS INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 7- 12

Tuesday, February 7

6:45 am Marialice Searcy †
8:15 am Pauline Cronin †

Wednesday, February 8

6:45 am Kathleen Shanahan †
8:15 am Bill Mixson †

Thursday, February 9

6:45 am Donald Farley †

Friday, February 10

8:15 am Dorothy Condellone Ley †

Saturday, February 11

8:15am Michael Siragusa †
4:00 pm For the People of Visitation

Sunday, February 12

8:00 am Joe Crowe Sr †
10:30 am Jackson Rouse †

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FEBRUARY 11-12

| | | 4:00 PM | 8:00 AM | 10:30 AM |
|---------------|--|---|--|----------|
| ALTAR SERVERS | S. Anderson J. Berghoff N. Bond | C. Schilling D. Colombo A. Graziano sub req | B. Arthur L. Gaarder L. Connell | |
| | S. Bastasch B. Bownik D. Bruegging J. Call F. Lester | P. Clarke G. Smith T. Coppinger V. Coppinger J. Grego | A. Adams A. Bergner D. Dubrava A. Sonnenberg T. McGhie | |
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| SACRISTAN | K. Berghoff | E. Johnson | J. Palmer | |

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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

PARISH COUNCIL 2022-23

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|----------------|---------------------------|
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Whitney True-Francis 816-392-0011

RACIAL JUSTICE



The parish Racial Justice Committee is happy to share some of the comments of our Visitation 7th graders who attended the parish's January 16 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. prayer service. There were so many insightful and wise comments that we will share more next week. Thanks to Mrs. VanBallas for sharing the work of her students.

Dear Racial Justice Committee.....:

“For example, there was one part in (Dr. Kings) letter that was talking about how a little girl couldn't go to an amusement park just because of the color of her skin. Or when you couldn't even sleep in a motel, and just had to sleep in your car. It's crazy how much people used to separate you from them just based on what someone would look like....”

“Thank you for putting on this presentation. I really enjoyed listening to the song, prayers and speech. After going to this service I believe I could do a better job turning ‘nobodyness’ in a ‘somebodyness.’ Overall I learned a lot and thought you all did a wonderful job!”

“I found it fascinating that the message that Dr. King delivered sixty years ago is still so relevant and moving in today's world. It inspired me to ..speak out against injustice ... I hope that you will have this service again so even more people can experience the power of Dr. King's words.”

RACISM AND OUR FAITH

AN EVENING OF CONVERSATION

On January 26, parishioners from Visitation, St. Monica, St. Therese Little Flower and St. Elizabeth met at Visitation to continue the conversation about Racism and Our Faith.

The focus of the evening's discussion was Catholic education and the proposed Montessori school that will move in the fall of 2023

from Kansas City, Kansas to the campus of St. Therese Little Flower. Jeremy Lillig, director of the diocesan Bright Futures Fund was in attendance and able to answer questions about this new endeavor. It is the hope of all in attendance that this school will offer the opportunity for Catholic education to Catholic families in underserved areas of the city. At the same time, participants asked that those who are affected by such plans are consulted before and during the planning and implementation.



The next Conversations event is scheduled for April 13 at St. Monica.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

DEATH PENALTY - PRAYER VIGIL FEBRUARY 7

On August 2, 2018, the Vatican announced that it had formally changed the official Catechism of the Catholic Church on the death penalty calling capital punishment “an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person” and deeming it “inadmissible” in all cases.

On Tuesday, February 7 at 5:30 pm in the St. Joseph Chapel, we will hold a prayer vigil for Leonard Rayheem Taylor who is scheduled to be executed by our state.



FEAST OF ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA FEBRUARY 8TH – PATRONESS OF SURVIVORS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Who is St. Josephine Bakhita? Born into a wealthy family, she was 7 years old when she was kidnapped by slave traders and sold into slavery. She endured great suffering at the hands of her captors but eventually was sold to a family where she was treated with more kindness. At the age of 21, she was exposed to the faith through a brief stay with the Canossian Sisters of the Institute of the Catechumens in Venice. It was there she was introduced to the faith and eventually received the Sacraments. When her captors came back to retrieve her, she begged them to allow her to stay with the sisters. Her wish was granted and she was consecrated to God on December 8, 1896. For 50 years she served the poor with great care and compassion until her death in 1947.

**ON FEBRUARY 8, PLEASE PLAN TO PRAY THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS
FOR VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING.**



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Save the Date! Visitation has reserved 8 spots for a Habitat for Humanity team on February 25. If you are interested in being part of the team, please contact Karen Miller at karen@church.visitation.org or call 816-381-6914.

Two homes have been completed and dedicated in the Wendel Phillips neighborhood recently. The celebration included corporate sponsors, volunteers and the new homeowners! Thank you to all parishioners who participated in the last volunteer opportunity.

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.

SCHOOL OF RELIGION

School of Religion is a catechetical program that serves the children of Visitation Catholic Community and their families. Classes are for K - 9th graders on Monday evenings from 5:15 - 6:15 pm at Visitation Church. For more information, contact Teresa Albright in the parish office.

MISSION:

School of Religion is a weekly program for the children of Visitation parish and their household that assists parents in sharing the tradition of our Catholic faith; teaches, leads, and encourages students in the practice of prayer; promotes a familiarity and love of Scripture; demonstrates an awareness of the presence of God in their daily lives; fosters an awareness of the social teaching of the Church; and inspires them to see their gifts as God-given and to be used in service to their neighbors and society.

VISION:

- ◆ Support the Domestic Church
 - ◆ Make Disciples of Jesus
 - ◆ Inspire Servant Leadership
 - ◆ Reinforce a Catholic Identity



IMPORTANT DATES FOR SPRING 2023

- **February 6** Monthly Communion Service (all are welcome!)
Family Dinner after Class - "Breakfast for Dinner" (all are welcome!)
- **February 27** First Communion Parent Meeting after Class (for registered families)
- **March 6** Monthly Communion Service (all are welcome!)
Family-friendly "Stations of the Cross" (all are welcome!)
- **March 13** **SPRING BREAK**
- **March 20** **SPRING BREAK**
- **March 27** Sacrament of Reconciliation available (for adults and older children)
- **April 3** Monthly Communion Service (all are welcome!)
Family Dinner after Class - "Spaghetti & Meatballs" (all are welcome!)
- **April 24** First Communion Practice (for registered 2nd graders)
- **May 1** Monthly Communion Service (all are welcome!)
First Communion Practice (for registered 2nd graders)
Service Project during class - "Care Kits for the Unhoused" (K, 1, 3-6th students)
- **May 7** (Sunday) First Communion at 10:30 a.m. Mass
- **May 15** Last Day of Class
Family Rosary & May Crowning of Mary (all are welcome!)
Family Dinner after Class - "Potluck Picnic" (all are welcome!)

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH



You are warmly welcomed to the Visitation Christ Renews His Parish Retreat 2023! 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.

Scan the QR code to register. Please join us!



Quotes:

Ann Coppage, CRHP participant:

"To be 100% transparent, I had NO idea what CRHP was when I signed up for it. My friends were going and I liked the idea of meeting new people. I had no idea it would ultimately be a major support system for what ended up being a very difficult year for me. The women in my CRHP group have truly become like sisters and have led me to a deeper relationship with God. I will forever be grateful for these relationships and love being greeted by so many more familiar faces at Mass. I would encourage anyone who is feeling curious or even has an 'unfounded urge' to know more about CRHP to follow it as it was life changing for me."

ABOUT TOWN



SAVE THE DATE! RECLAIMING THE ROMANCE—AN AFTERNOON RETREAT FOR MARRIED COUPLES

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church on Sunday, February 26 from 1:00-6:00 pm. The afternoon will close with Mass and dinner. The cost is \$25 per couple. Registration details to come!

55 years, 94 countries, 3.5 million couples! Come and experience THE weekend retreat for married couples. Even when a marriage is going smoothly, there are always opportunities to make it better.

Join us on one of the next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences** to learn the simple, but powerful, tools, that make saying "I love you" part of the fabric of your everyday life. Space is available on the following upcoming dates: **March 17-19 in**

Carthage, MO and April 28-30 in Kansas City, KS. For more information, visit the website at www.WWME.org or contact Brad & Maggie Harris at 405-206-1600, or email at Brad.Maggie.Harris@wwme.org.



COUNSELING/SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Life can be very stressful. If you would like to find more ways to handle stress, consider counseling. Fr. Garry Richmeier is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist providing counseling and Spiritual Direction. He has offices in Liberty and at St James Church Midtown and accepts donations in lieu of a set fee. You can contact Fr. Garry at 816-415-2998 (no text) or garrycpps@gmail.com.

YOGA AT VIS

The following yoga classes are being offered for the community at Visitation Parish. All classes are held in the Choir room.

Gentle Hatha, Mondays 8:30 am - In this class we blend breath and movement with an emphasis on alignment. Students build endurance and strength while improving flexibility. We focus on the poses that build the foundation of our yoga practice, learn basic stretches, breathing techniques, and proper alignment in a relaxed setting. This class is great for beginners and those who want to move at a gentle pace or work on the foundation poses.



All Levels Flow, Mondays 5:30 pm - This all levels class combines fundamental alignment principles with flowing movement to build balance, strength and focus. Variations can be incorporated for students who are ready and willing to move their bodies with their breath. Some yoga experience is recommended though all are welcome!

Vinyasa, Wednesdays 8:30 am - Vinyasa emphasizes flowing movement, incorporating Sun Salutations, breathing techniques and more complex poses. Students improve stamina, strength and flexibility. Variations will be offered, but some yoga experience is recommended.

Don't see a class that works for your schedule? Contact Linda at 816-591-0233 to discuss other options. Classes are \$10 each, please pay Linda Heinen via Venmo, cash or check. Venmo: @Linda-Heinen-4

If you have any questions please reach out to Linda Heinen, 816-591-0233 (texts are welcome!) linda.r.heinen@gmail.com.

PASTORAL CARE

On behalf of the parish community we thank our **Women of Vis Funeral Meal Team 6**, Captains Jennie Egan & Amy McKenny, and team members Kristin Beerman, Laura Connealy, Carol Crowe, Patti Dunlay, Ann Eckels, Jan Fakoury, Carol Fryer, Erica Gaarder, Amy Perry, Ann Hodes, Shawn Keller, Jane Liefer, Jackie Massman, Maureen McMeel, Sharon Molloy, Barbara Mullane, Beattie Muraski, Karen O'Neill, Nancy Pell, Alison Ward, and any who provided extra dishes from Team 5. God Bless you all!



WANTED: FUNERAL MEAL CAPTAINS

Our Women of Visitation Funeral Meal Ministry is in great need of new funeral meal team captains. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please contact:

Kathy Diamond, kathypauldiamond@gmail.com

Amy Thompson, amywiedemanthompson@gmail.com

or Linda Williams (williamslindasue@gmail.com).

GOLDEN SHAMROCKS



VISITATION GOLDEN SHAMROCKS

Valentine's Day Luncheon

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14
12:00 NOON TIGHE HALL

LUNCH WILL BE YOUR CHOICE OF
CHILI OR SOUP (OR BOTH) WITH SALAD
AND DESSERT.

RSVP TO THE PARISH OFFICE: 816-753-7422

SCHOOL

VISITATION DINING OUT SPIRIT DAYS + NIGHTS

Upcoming

WED, FEB 8 • PLANET SUB, PLAZA

THUR, FEB 16 • YOGURTINI, PLAZA *Half Day!*



TUES, FEB 21 • CHICK-FIL-A DAY @ SCHOOL

WED, FEB 22 • MINSKY'S, PLAZA + IL CENTRO

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LENT 2023—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 this card with your name and address.

DEADLINE to register is Mon., Feb. 12 — Groups begin meeting the week of Feb. 19.

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):

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| Monday: | <i>Morning</i> | <i>Evening</i> | Thursday: | <i>Morning</i> | <i>Evening</i> |
| Tuesday: | <i>Morning</i> | <i>Evening</i> | Sunday: | — | <i>Evening</i> |
| Wednesday: | <i>Morning</i> | <i>Evening</i> | | | |

Do you have a second choice? _____

For more than 18 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 this year’s parish book, *The Monastic Heart* by Sr. Joan Chittister, as a discussion resource. 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.

I want to STAY with my same small group.
Leader’ Name: _____ and Email: _____

I want to be placed in a NEWLY formed group.

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

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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. **DIGITAL COPIES OF THE RESOURCES WILL BE EMAILED TO THE GROUP LEADER FOR DISTRIBUTION.**

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

Turn in your completed form by February 12: 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.