

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
VISITATION PARISH
FEBRUARY 12, 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 ENROLLMENT 2023-2024

Enrollment for the 2023-2024 school year will open the week of February 15. Tithing families must have a 2023 calendar year pledge on file in order to receive the enrollment link. If you have questions about school enrollment, please contact Megan Burdolski at 816-753-5155 x1305 or megan@church.visitation.org.

2022 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Contribution statements or acknowledgement letters for calendar year 2022 were emailed or mailed at the end of January. Please take time to carefully review your statement. If you have any questions or note any discrepancies, please contact Megan Burdolski, Director of Stewardship at 816-753-5155 x1305 or megan@church.visitation.org. Thank you for your ongoing support of Visitation

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

REMEMBER OUR SICK

Pamela Atherton	Scott Martens
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Marilyn Frechin Blank	Tim McNamara
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Mary Lipari	Leigh Ann Zeller
Jorge Maldonado	



LENT IS COMING!

Join our faith
community - and nearly
13,000 Catholic

communities across the United States— in a transformative Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from the narthex on February 18 or 19. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on the impact of global hunger and climate change on vulnerable communities around the world, and we will pray, fast and give alms to help our sisters and brothers in need. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.



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.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 14-19

Tuesday, February 14
6:45 am Msgr. Arthur Tighe †
8:15 am Polly Donnelly †

Wednesday, February 15
6:45 am Maria Chalk †
8:15 am Josephine & Louis Savoca †

Thursday, February 16
6:45 am Mike Dooley †

Friday, February 17
8:15 am Marguerite Shortino †

Saturday, February 18
8:15am Will Motter †
4:00 pm Agnes Beckers †

Sunday, February 19
8:00 am For the People of Visitation
10:30 am Thomas Saracini †

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FEBRUARY 18-19

	4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
ALTAR SERVERS	J. Gronniger B. Burns A. Evett N. Evett	A. O'Neill W. Lueke J. Kobler	B. Braselton J. Canino J. Lynch
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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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Secretary, Bridget Winget x3136

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816-753-9061

Diocese of Kansas City St. Joseph
Ombudsman, Joe Crayon 816-812-2500
Victim Assistance Coordinator,
Whitney True-Francis 816-392-0011

RACIAL JUSTICE

CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH BY ATTENDING EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY.

Know of an event the Racial Justice Committee could promote? Email visrjc@gmail.com



Wednesday, February 16, 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Swope Health Celebrating Black History Month Virtual Lunch and Learn speaker series with Eric Wesson, editor, *The Kansas City Call*, Zoom link: <https://bit.ly/40bISf8>

Saturday, February 18, 2:00 pm, Kansas City Public Library Central Branch Screening of the film “Akeelah and the Bee”

Sunday, February 19, 2:30 pm, Kansas City Public Library Plaza Branch

Hip-Hop Revolution: The Culture and Politics of Rap - University of Connecticut history professor and author Jeffrey Ogbonna Green Ogbar explores the genre and its performers. He also challenges the notion that hip-hop is socially dangerous, noting how many rappers critically view the crime-focused lyrics and antisocial messages of their peers. Click here to register: <https://kclibrary.org/node/32419/register>.

Sunday, February 19, 2:00 pm, Kansas City Public Library Central Branch

Screening of the film “Love & Basketball”

Wednesday, February 22, 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Swope Health Celebrating Black History Month - Virtual Lunch and Learn speaker series with Bridgette Williams, CEO Heavy Constructors Association, KCMO Zoom link: <https://bit.ly/3JvT8bf>

Thursday, February 23, 1:00 pm, Kansas City Public Library Southeast Branch

Screening of the film “Judas and the Black Messiah”

Saturday, February 26, 2:00 pm, Kansas City Public Library Central Library, Helzberg Auditorium

Learning from Gordon Parks - Lawrence, Kansas photographer Ann Dean discusses the impact and inspiration found in three seminal books - *The Learning Tree*, *A Choice of Weapons*, and *Half Past Autumn* - by Kansas-born Black author, photographer and filmmaker Gordon Parks, one of the most renowned documentarians of American life and culture in the 20th century. Click here to register: <https://kclibrary.org/node/32419/register>

Sunday, February 26, 2:00 Kansas City Public Library Central Branch

Screening of the film “Nope”



Monday, February 27, 6:30 pm

I’m So Glad - United Methodist Church, 5001 W. 137th St., Leawood, KS, Foundry Hall, Building B. Check out the premiere showing of a documentary film about Kansas City’s Black Gospel Music. Panel discussion to follow. Limited Seats - free. Register at <https://bit.ly/3wydvMZ>

SOCIAL CONCERNS



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

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 Wendell 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.

PASTORAL CARE

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).

HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

Life can be hard and, at times, we can feel overwhelmed and even alone. Part of belonging to a community of faith means having people, even people we don't know, love and care about us. These are our sisters and brothers in faith and they are here to help each of us. One way they do this is by praying for us.

“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” - Matthew 18:20

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. Blessings to you.

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.

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH



All 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 on March 25 & 26!



Quotes:

Julie Morrand, CRHP participant:

"As a new parishioner, CRHP was a wonderful way to grow in my faith and connection with other Visitation women. As a result of the weekend and the support of my fellow CRHP sisters, I felt more a part of the parish and called to become involved with a new ministry."

John Franke, CRHP Participant:

"Attending the CHRP retreat opened a new circle of friends and brought me closer to our parish. CHRP was a very positive experience for me and I encourage you to take a leap of faith and sign up."

WOMEN OF VISITATION

A vibrant poster for a Mardi Gras Bunko event. The background is dark purple with yellow and green accents. It features illustrations of dice, masquerade masks, and jester hats. The text is in yellow and green.

WOMEN OF VISITATION

Mardi Gras Bunko

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21
7:00 PM TIGHE HALL
ADMISSION IS FREE

ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF FUN & FELLOWSHIP!

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



VISITATION KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

LENTEN FISH FRY DINNERS



FRIDAYS - FEBRUARY 24, MARCH 3 & MARCH 31

5:30-7:30 PM TIGHE HALL

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

MENU: FRIED CATFISH, BAKED TILAPIA, FISH TACOS, CHEESE PIZZA, MAC & CHEESE, GREEN BEANS,
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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.

SCHOOL OF RELIGION

S.O.R. FAMILY DINNER

Third through sixth graders from Visitation's School of Religion served up "Breakfast for Dinner" to the domestic church on Monday, February 6. THANK YOU to the Knights of Columbus for providing food for our families! The next Family Dinner after S.O.R. class is Monday, April 3.



FAITH FORMATION

NEW LENTEN SMALL GROUPS FOR 2023 ARE FORMING NOW!

The below small faith-sharing communities are opening their “doors” and welcoming new faces this Lent. Also below are ideas for starting your own group. Have questions? Contact Ashley Rodden, Faith Formation Team Member and Small Groups Chair, at ashley@lover-cosmetics.com

The Monastic Heart for Community Builders

Sundays, 5:00 p.m.

The Larson & Closson Homes
ALL ARE WELCOME in this group.
Parents can bring their school-age children.

Hosts: Kristie/Ryan Larson & Don/Jamie Closson

Resource: “The Monastic Heart” book

Contact: kbraylarson@gmail.com

Women of Faith

Tuesdays, 10:00 am

Retreat Room, Tighe Hall
This group is open to ALL WOMEN.
Come join us!

Host: Julie McCann

Resource: “At Home with the Word”

Contact: mccannx5@gmail.com

Thursday Evenings with Lorraine Gordon

Thursdays, 7:30 pm

Explore the way excerpts from “The Monastic Heart” can enrich Lenten Scripture.

Host: Lorraine Gordon

Resource: “The Monastic Heart” book

Contact: lorrainegordon116@gmail.com

Scripture & Politics

Tuesdays, 10:00 am
Online

This group welcomes anyone wishing to discuss the social implications of the Gospel. We take a liberal approach to how faith and politics are lived out today.

Host: Millie Krna

Resource: “At Home with the Word”

Contact: milliekrna@gmail.com

WANT TO RESURRECT
YOUR SMALL GROUP THAT
STOPPED MEETING?

THINKING ABOUT
STARTING YOUR OWN
SMALL LENT GROUP?

LET US HELP YOU!

www.visionmainkc.com

Lenten Articles of Faith

Tuesdays, 12:30 pm
Online

ALL ARE WELCOME in this group.
Join us over your lunch hour for
Scripture and Lenten discussions.

Host: JoAnn Axtell

Resource: Scripture, current periodicals
and chapters from “The Monastic Heart.”

Contact: jpaxtell19@gmail.com

START A GROUP AND SPEND LENT WITH 8-12 OF YOUR FAVORITE PEOPLE

Your CRHP Sisters/Brothers
The parents of your child’s classmates
Vis neighbors who live on your street
H.S. Seniors reunited with
their 8th grade classmates

FREE LENTEN RESOURCE

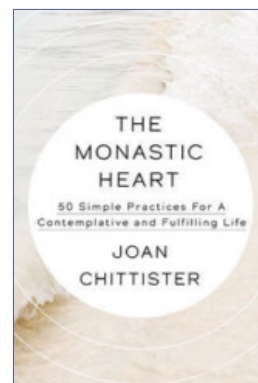
In addition to weekly Scripture reflections and discussion questions, the Vis Faith Formation Team has created a resource for registered groups using the 2023 parish book by Sr. Joan Chittister, with discussion questions prepared by Benetvision. Consider starting a group with one of these themes: →

Choose from one of these chapter sets curated by the Faith Formation Team.

The Monastic Heart for...

- *The Domestic Church*
- *Community Builders*
- *Leaders*
- *Introverts*
- *Lovers of Liturgy*
- *Praying with Sacramentals*

ABOUT OUR 2023 PARISH BOOK: This book carries the weight and wisdom of the monastic spiritual tradition into the twenty-first century. Sister Joan Chittister, OSB leans into Saint Benedict, who, as a young man in the sixth century, sought moral integrity in the face of an empire not by conquering or overpowering the empire but by simply living an ordinary life extraordinarily well. This same monastic mindset can help us grow in wisdom, equanimity, and strength of soul as we seek restoration and renewal both at home and in the world. Without stepping foot in a monastery, we can become, like those before us, a deeper, freer self, a richer soul—and, as a result, a true monastic, so “that in all things God may be glorified.”





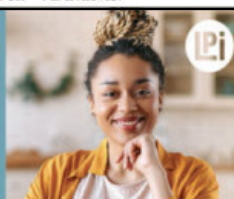
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FAITH FORMATION

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 Monday, February 12 -Groups begin meeting the week of February 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):

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

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:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

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 SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19



Turn in your completed form by February 12: drop it in the collection basket during Mass; drop it off at the parish office Monday-Friday; or email the form to Lent Small Groups chairperson, Ashley Rodden at ashley@lover-Cosmetics.com.