

VISITATION PARISH
 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 AUGUST 28, 2022



O U R M I S S I O N

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.

M A S S S C H E D U L E

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

HUNGER ACTION AWARENESS MONTH

September is Hunger Action Awareness Month so **let's fill the basket this month!**

When you come to Mass this month bring a canned good that will be donated to our neighborhood food pantries: St. Francis Xavier, Guardian Angels, Redemptorist and Bishop Sullivan Center. There is an extreme need so let's fill the basket in support of the good work they do to offset food insecurity.



Please see information on the Hunger Banquet on the back page of this bulletin.

BISHOP'S RECOGNITION AWARD

Every other year, our diocese recognizes outstanding volunteers from each parish with the Bishop's Recognition Award. This year, Visitation is pleased to honor **Dave Ekerdt and Mary Ann Oswald** with this award. Both of these individuals have given generously of their time and talent to Visitation Parish over many years and we are pleased to be able to honor them in this way. Bishop Johnston will confer the awards to this year's honorees today, Sunday, August 28, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.



RIDE FOR MADRE

This year's 8th annual Ride For Madre cycling event welcomes all riders to join us for an afternoon of cycling fun on the new Rock

Island Trail in Raytown! Departing from Crane Brewery on Friday, September 16, there will be two ride options: 10 miles departing at 2:00 pm and 20+ miles departing around 12:00 noon. Social hour will commence after the ride completes around 3:00 pm.

This event has made a tremendous difference over the years in the lives of literally hundreds of people in our sister parish in El Salvador. Donations to this year's Ride For Madre can be made to Visitation Church (put Ride For Madre in memo of check) or at our Go Fund Me Page: [https://](https://www.gofundme.com/f/ride-for-madre-2022?qid=c50368e48e9d73a6c2497333159c1a2e)

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WEDDINGS

The parish extends prayers and congratulations to Kathleen Callahan and John Santer on their marriage August 20; and to Meredith Albair and Conor O'Neill on their August 20 marriage.

OUR SYMPATHY

to Jennifer Kelley, on the death of her mother, Anita Donaldson.

REMEMBER OUR SICK

Suzanne Adams
Pamela Atherton
Maggie Quirarte Bates
Marilyn Frechin Blank
Leonardo Borders
Mary Ann Brown
Bernice Campbell
Mike Caraway
Shari Caraway
Marianne Carl
Beverly Cascone
Joanne Comisky
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Jean Cummings
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Shana Gadt
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Darlene Henninger
Mike Henninger
Joe Irwin
William Jewell
Lee Jones
Jaquie Kallman
Peg Kallman
Shirley Kempker
Marriane Kersten
Kevin Koch
John Langle
Bryan Larson
Betsy Lazere
Jeanne Lendabarker
Anthony Lipari, Sr.

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Scott Martens
Priscilla McInnes
Tim McNamara
Thomas McNamara
Tricia Melland
Birdie Mendence
Andy Metzler
Lionel Morgan
Maggie O'Neill
Jennifer Olson
Charles Oppenlander
Nicholas Parscale
Connie Perucca
Nicola Pistone
Kat Potter
Peggy Pruitt
Ruth Quirarte
Quinn Regan
Ellie Rose
The Ryan Family
The Saalberg Family
Gary Schafer
Fran Schuetz
Barbara Schulte
Marialice Searcy
Aimee Sesler
Sandra Sharp
Special Intention
Jeannie Sullivan
Salvador Valldeperas, Sr.
Annabelle Whalen
Dave Wittrock
Leigh Ann Zeller

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

SYNOD



THE SYNOD - GOING GLOBAL

Pope Francis's worldwide consultation with the grassroots of Catholicism is moving forward. The Synod on Synodality has a goal of understanding how the Church should proceed into its third millennium while also fulfilling its mission today. As we have emphasized, the Synod is an effort to form a Church that listens. The Visitation Synod gatherings that we held in March and our summary of that experience have now entered a stream of information flowing toward the formal Synod of Bishops to be held in Rome in October 2023.

Here in our region, parishes, schools, and other groups passed the fruits of their conversation and reflection on to the diocese, which in turn has generated its own Synod summary: [Catholic Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph in Kansas City, Missouri \(kcsjatholic.org\)](https://www.kcsjatholic.org). The diocesan document is worth reading. It is an unvarnished, faithful effort to represent the multiple and sometimes conflicting points of view that Kansas City Catholics have about the Church as we see it and hope that it could be. Readers may by turns be gratified, comforted and riled by the views that the report brings forward. It is important to note, also, that the diocesan summary reflects the major themes and elements from our own Visitation summary (www.visitation.org). Reading it all, the Spirit indeed seems to be at work in our midst.

A number of the world's diocesan-level reports are now available online, and their themes and topics are likewise remarkably consistent with our own Visitation parish reflections and those of the wider group of Kansas City participants in the Synod. What's next? All of the material from the world's national bishops' conferences is due this month at the Vatican, where the next step will be to hammer out a framework for discussion at the formal Synod next fall.

CONFIRMATION

SOPHOMORE YOUTH CONFIRMATION

Just as bodies and minds grow, Catholics believe that the soul also needs to grow in the life of grace. The sacrament of Confirmation builds on the sacraments of Baptism, Penance and Holy Communion, completing the process of initiation into the Catholic community. We look forward to walking with you in this process.



Registration is open for all baptized sophomore candidates beginning August 29

and closes on October 1. No late registrations accepted.

Confirmation is April 20, 2023 at 7:00 pm with Bishop Johnston.

IF YOUR CHILD WAS NOT BAPTIZED AT VISITION PLEASE SUBMIT A COPY OF YOUR CHILDS BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE, in an enveloped marked CONFIRMATION/ATTENTION: CHRIS. *IF YOUR CHILD WAS BAPTIZED HERE AT VIS PLEASE NOTE THAT WHEN REGISTERING AS WELL.*

***NOTE~The reason the records are so important is all new sacraments are recorded at the church of baptism. If we do not have that record it cannot be recorded.*

*Thank you,
Chris Sanders*

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR
AUGUST 30– SEPTEMBER 4**

Tuesday, August 30
6:45 am Trevor Weinrich †
8:15 am Jim Lynch †

Wednesday, August 31
6:45 am Tom & Jeanne Ridder †
8:15 am Patricia Ann Regan †

Thursday, September 1
6:45 am Care of Creation

Friday, September 2
8:15 am Polly Donnelly †

Saturday, September 3
8:15am Mae Brown †
4:00 pm Irene Seigfreid †

Sunday, September 4
8:00 am People of Visitation
10:30 am Sam Serrano †

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SEPTEMBER 3-4

	4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
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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 2021-2022

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SCHOOL OF RELIGION

School of Religion is for the **Whole Community!**

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MONDAYS, begins SEPTEMBER 12, 5:15–6:15 pm in the church.



Ways to Participate...

For Children

Weekly classes for K–9th grade.
Taught by Visitation volunteers
Lectionary-based curriculum
Rooted in Scripture
Formed by Tradition
Preparation for First Sacraments

For Adults

Adult Bible Study sponsored by
the Vis Faith Formation Team
Church spaces open during
class time for communal and
private prayer
Occasional guest speakers for the
Domestic Church

For the Whole Community

Monthly Communion Service
Confession during Advent and Lent
Occasional Family Dinners after class
Family Christmas Caroling, Stations of
the Cross, and May Crowning of Mary
Service opportunity for all ages

Mark your calendars for the Fall Semester...

Classes for K–9th Graders

Sept. 12 First Day of Class
Sept. 19 Class
Sept. 26 Class
Oct. 3 Class
Oct. 10 No Class
Oct. 17 Class
Oct. 24 Class
Oct. 31 No Class
Nov. 7 Guest Speaker
Nov. 14 Class
Nov. 21 Class
Nov. 28 No Class
Dec. 5 Class
Dec. 12 Class
Dec. 19 Family Event

Adult Offerings

Sept. 19 Tour of Church
Prayer Spaces
Sept. 26 Presentation:
Praying with Scripture
Oct. 3 Open Prayer Time
Oct. 7 Presentation: Intro to
Scripture, Part 1
Oct. 24 Presentation: Intro to
Scripture, Part 2
Nov. 14 Adult Bible Study
Nov. 21 Adult Bible Study
Dec. 5 Open Prayer Time
Dec. 12 Advent Examen with
Confession offered

Whole Community

Communion Services
Oct. 3, Nov. 7, Dec. 5
5:15 pm in the Chapel

**Fr. Brad visits about
the Sacrament of
God's Mercy**
November 7
5:15 pm in the Chapel

Family Dinner
November 14
6:15 pm in Tighe Hall

**Christmas Caroling
with the Choir**
Dec. 19 at 5:15 pm



Register for Children's classes today!

Our Vision: Support the Domestic Church

–Make disciples of Jesus–Encourage servant leadership–

Reinforce a Catholic identity.

Volunteers Needed for Childcare!

Contact Teresa Albright
at 816-753-555 x1306 or
Teresa@church.visitation.org

R.C.I.A

SESSIONS FOR RCIA BEGIN THIS TUESDAY, AUGUST 30 FROM 6:00 – 8:00 PM IN THE FAITH FORMATION ROOM.

If you or someone you know is thinking about becoming Catholic, please consider attending this first Inquiry session when the R.C.I.A. team explains the process and answers your questions. Walk-ins are welcome, but registrations before Tuesday are appreciated. Contact Teresa Albright at 816-753-5155 x1306 or teresa@church.visitation.org office for more information.



OPEN R.C.I.A. SESSIONS ARE FOR EVERYONE!

The topics covered in R.C.I.A. can help any Catholic wanting to understand their faith tradition better. This year the R.C.I.A. Team is opening some of our more popular class topics to the whole community. Please mark your calendars and consider joining us for the following sessions this Fall. We'll meet in Tighe Hall from 6:00 – 8:00 pm.

September 13 – Catholic Prayer Stations

Learn about and sample some traditional ways that Catholics pray; from how to pray the Rosary to the ancient practice of Lectio Divina.

October 18 – Introduction to Scripture & the Old Testament with guest speaker, Mary Etta O'Neill

Learn when and how Sacred Scripture was compiled; and the ancient stories in which our faith is rooted.

November 1 – Mary and the Saints with guest speaker, Mary Kallman

Learn what the church believes about the mother of Jesus and his disciples who show us the way to God's Kingdom.

November 15 – Tour of the Church with guest speaker, Steve Engler

Learn what is behind the art and rich symbolism of Visitation's sacred spaces.

December 6 – The Mass: Part 1 with guest speakers, Peg and Dave Ekerdt

Learn about the rituals that comprise the first half of every Mass, the Liturgy of the Word.

December 13 – Introduction to the New Testament with guest speaker, Fr. Pat Rush

Learn about the sacred writings of early Christians that communicate the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and the Good News he proclaims.

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, September 17 from 9:00 – 11:00 am in the Church.** 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 816-753-5155 or teresa@church.visitation.org.

RACIAL JUSTICE



The Visitation Racial Justice committee intended to gather for the first in person meeting, rather than Zoom, earlier this month. A case of Covid sidelined that plan.

Now the group will convene for the first time in person this Tuesday, August 30 at 5:00 pm in Tighe Hall, to evaluate the efforts of the first two years and set a direction for coming year. To prepare, the 37 members of VIS RJC have been asked in advance to consider these questions:

- What has encouraged/energized you about this committee work?
- What has disappointed/frustrated you about this committee work?
- Are the three subcommittees (communication, education and outreach) sufficient? Should we add or amend?
- Why did you join this group and what is your priority now in being part of this group?
- Where would you like to see yourself or this group in 6 months? 12 months?

Friends in the parish community—if you have responses to those questions—please email them to Linda Hughes (lchteach20@gmail.com) or Peg Ekerdt (peggyekerdt@gmail.com). We ask that you please hold the intentions of this group’s work in your prayers in the week to come. We are all part of One Body—many parts, many gifts and many ways in which to share in this work that the US Bishops have called essential and important. Thank you!

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 4:00-7:00 PM

SCHOOL

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL COACHES NEEDED

The Visitation Athletic Committee is currently seeking interested volunteers to coach girls volleyball, including non-parent coaches for the upper grades, for the upcoming season. If you are interested in volleyball, and enjoy working with kids, please contact Julie Munjak at jfmunjak@yahoo.com or 816-492-0700 for more information.



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**To RSVP, contact Karen Miller at 816-753-5155 x1308 or
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