

VISITATION PARISH

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 13, 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

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

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

RCIA

The next "Open R.C.I.A." session is Tuesday, November 15 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm in the church. Please join us, invite a friend and spread the word. All seekers and learners are welcome!

- ⇒ Topic: Tour of Visitation Church
- ⇒ Speaker: Steve Engler, parishioner and former Pastoral Associate

SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Family Dinner this Monday, November 14 at 6:15 in Tighe Hall immediately following classes. Invite grandparents, godparents, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Menu: Taco Night – seasoned ground beef, hard and soft shells, shredded lettuce, shredded cheese, chips and salsa, yellow rice, refried beans.

S.O.R. IS PARTNERING WITH FAITH FORMATION . . .

November 14 and 21 – "Praying with Scripture for Adults," 5:30 – 6:15 pm (SOR classrooms) – Led by members of the Faith Formation Team. Consider joining S.O.R. households for their opening prayer in the St. Joseph Chapel at 5:15 pm. All are welcome! *Need childcare? Kindergarten – 4th graders are welcome in the School of Religion classrooms. Toddlers can play in the nursery attached to the adult classroom.*

SAVE THE DATES FOR THESE FAMILY FRIENDLY FAITH OPPORTUNITIES!

- Monday, December 5 at 5:15 pm (St. Joseph Chapel) Monthly Communion Service
- Monday, December 12 at 5:15 pm (St. Joseph Chapel) Advent Penance Service for Families
- Monday December 19 at 5:15 pm (meet in the Chapel) Christmas Caroling with the Choir

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation sessions have begun. Orientation was last Sunday, November 6. Our next session is Sunday, November 13 at 12:00 Noon. In Search of the Holy Spirit. Candidate and Sponsor session.

2023 LECTOR WORKBOOKS

The new lector workbooks are available in the usher-greeter room after all Masses this weekend. If you are a lector—please pick yours up!

WEDDINGS

The parish extends prayers and congratulations to Mary Jean Schrader and Justin Bloss who were married on November 5.

REMEMBER OUR SICK

Theresa Ritchie

Pamela Atherton
Maggie Quirarte Bates
Marilyn Frechin Blank
Leonardo Borders
Bernice Campbell
Mike Caraway
Shari Caraway
Marianne Carl
Beverly Cascone
Olivia Connealy
Jean Cummings
Allie May Dudenhoeffer
Bill Fuss
Shana Gadt
Brooke Kuechler Harris
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Jeannie Sullivan
Salvador Valldeperas, Sr.
Annabelle Whalen
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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 9

On Alert: Team 12

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR
NOVEMBER 15-20**

Tuesday, November 15
6:45 am Maria Parra †
8:15 am Helen Keever †

Wednesday, November 16
6:45 am Evelyn & Albert Jansen †
8:15 am Barbara Louise Hart †

Thursday, November 17
6:45 am Eugene Devane †

Friday, November 18
8:15 am Connie Perucca †

Saturday, November 19
8:15am Jackson Rouse †
4:00 pm For the People of Visitation

Sunday, November 20
8:00 am Jackson Rouse †
10:30 am Michael Siragusa †

LITURGICAL MINISTERS NOVEMBER 19-20

	4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
ALTAR SERVERS	A. Evett L. Maginn N. Evett	Q. Scanlon J. McPherson J. Harkness	B. Braselton M. Murray I. Janes
EMES	J. Call A. Eckels T. Egan L. Freeman K. Hughes	E. McCann J. McCann A. Adams A. Paczkowski R. Larson	Joe Goeke T. Mayer Jennifer Goeke M. Innes A. Bergner
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SACRISTAN	D. Pucci	B. Truta	S. Mayer

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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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STEWARDSHIP

2023 ANNUAL APPEAL

“Christian community is the place where we keep the flame of hope alive among us and take it seriously so that it can grow and become stronger in us.” – Henri J. M. Nouwen

Visitation is a community like the one described in Henri Nouwen’s quote. It is a place where we can grow together and become stronger as we pray, learn, celebrate and serve as one family of faith. We are grateful for all who give their time and their resources to keep the flame of hope alive among us. We need to continue to work together, through the joys, frustrations and trials of life, to build the community of God.

This past week, you should have received your 2021-2022 Annual Report in the mail. We hope that you have taken time to look through the booklet which highlights many of the things our parish has accomplished over the past year. We endeavor, through the publication of this report, to supply detailed financial information about how the parish has used the gifts our parishioners have given and to provide statistics and anecdotes that both enlighten and inform.

In the coming week, you will receive a letter from Msgr. Offutt asking for your continued financial support of the parish in the coming year. Please take time to read his letter and review the accompanying pledge form. After prayerfully considering your gift to the parish for calendar year 2023, either follow the instructions to set up your pledge online or return the paper form to the parish office.

If you have any questions about the annual appeal, please contact Megan Burdolski at 816-753-5155 x1305 or megan@church.visitation.org.

GIVING AT VISITATION

As we near the end of 2022, we would greatly appreciate fulfillment of 2022 pledges by year end. For those of you who have not pledged but consistently give a year-end gift, we are grateful for your past support and for any contribution you are able to make this year. Please allow adequate mail/processing time depending on your type of transaction to enable us to credit the donation by December 31, 2022 for possible tax-deduction purposes. You may:

- Drop an offertory envelope in the collection at Mass.
- Mail a check to the parish office.
- Send your contribution via the online banking offered by your financial institution.
- Use the online giving button on our parish website: www.visitation.org to set up a gift from using your bank account, credit or debit card or call the parish office for assistance with an automated gift.
- Donate appreciated assets (i.e. stock, mutual funds, etc.)
- Make a charitable distribution from your IRA, if allowed.



If you have any questions regarding your pledge balance or need assistance initiating an automated withdrawal, gift of stock or any other type of transaction, please contact Megan Burdolski, Director of Stewardship, at 816-753-5155 x1305 or megan@church.visitation.org. As always, we are grateful for your ongoing support of our parish.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



PANCAKE BREAKFAST NEXT WEEKEND

The Visitation Knights of Columbus will be offering a tasty pancake breakfast next Sunday, November 20 from 8:45-10:30 am in Tighe Hall. Join us for fresh grilled pancakes, egg casseroles, breakfast potatoes, coffee and juice. Price is any donation to benefit Bags of Fun in honor of Trevor Weinrich.



FRONT PORCH COAT DRIVE

Our Visitation Knights' Annual Front Porch Coat Drive is underway. Drop off your donations of coats, gloves, hats, blankets and other winter items in the large boxes on the front porches of the Vasquez (5415 Baltimore), Steinert (5818 Central) and Fedinets (433 W. 69th St.) homes through January 7. Please clean out your basements, closets and kids' rooms to show the generosity for which Visitation is always known.

FEED THE HUNGRY

WEEKLY FOOD COLLECTION FOR GUARDIAN ANGELS

Next week's food collection will be donated to Guardian Angels. 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 November 22) 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 November 15) for approximately 150 guests. To volunteer, contact Sandie McCray at simntandie@aol.com.



ELIZABETH MOTHER MARY LANGE, SERVANT OF GOD

For November's National Black Catholic Month, VIS RJC is highlighting black Catholics who are in the process of being named saints of the Church. We are grateful to Larry Guillot for his research and writing.



Try to imagine a history of Catholic schools or of Catholic hospitals in the United States without the involvement of Catholic women religious, i.e., Sisters of one order or another. We cannot do it. Catholic women religious historically have been essential to Catholic education and health care. Thus, it may be a shock to learn of the difficulties Black Catholics in the United States had in joining or forming communities of Black Catholic sisters. Slavery and racism made it more than difficult. Some Catholic institutions still had slaves. Orders of women religious would not accept Black applicants.

It took courageous, deeply committed persons, literally saintly persons, to make the change. Elizabeth Lange was such a person. Although we do not know a lot about her early life, we believe that she was born in Haiti around 1784. She migrated to the United States (1803), ending up in Baltimore (1813) where there were many Black French Catholic Caribbean refugees.

Elizabeth Lange soon saw the great need to educate Black youth. There were no schools for Blacks in Baltimore, but she was an educated woman who used her own home and money and enlisted the help of friends to begin to find ways to educate Black children.

In time, Lange came to the attention of Fr Hubert Joubert, a Sulpician priest who was teaching catechism to Black youth. He suggested that she start a school for Black girls. The school would become St. Francis Academy (which still exists today). Working with Elizabeth, Fr. Joubert concluded that here was an opportunity to start a religious order. The two talked, studied, prayed and then received permission from Baltimore Archbishop Whitfield to begin a religious order for Black women sisters. On July 2, 1829, Elizabeth Lange and three associates pronounced vows and became known as the "Oblate Sisters of Providence." Elizabeth took the name Mary and became the first superior, becoming known as Mother Mary Lange.

In addition to educating black youth, when very few dared, these Sisters volunteered to work with those affected by the Cholera epidemic of the 1830s and 40s. After Fr. Joubert's death, Mother Mary suffered violence of soul as she was buffeted by poverty and racial injustice. Yet, through it all Mother Mary never lost faith in Providence. Nearly blind and infirm, Mother Mary died in 1882. She leaves a legacy of deep faith and compassion; her Oblate Sisters of Providence were the first religious congregation women of African American descent in the U.S. In their near 200-year history, the Oblates have made a major mark on Black Catholic life. Her case for canonization was opened by the Archdiocese of Baltimore in 1991. For more, see Motherlange.org, and Oblatesisters.com/our-history.

RACIAL JUSTICE



CHRIS GOODE, FOUNDER OF RUBY JEAN'S JUICERY, SPEAKS AT VISITATION

The Vis RJC invites you to hear Chris Goode on November 15 from 6:30 - 7:30 pm in Tighe Hall.

Chris Goode has made it his life's work to educate underrepresented communities and integrate the juicing culture in his hometown. His flagship Ruby Jean's is in a food desert near where he grew up at 30th & Troost. A former member of the Parks & Recreation board, Chris launched a recent partnership with Kansas City Public Schools to provide fresh juice in three schools. Chris is also the first person who attended Operation Breakthrough as a child to serve on its Board of Directors. On November 15, Mr. Goode will consider these questions: Why do you do what you do? Why is racial justice important to you?

How does your faith inform your work? What are the joys and challenges of your work? How can churches and individuals support you and your work?

WOMEN OF VIS

SANTA PAINTING

Believe it or not, it is that time of year again and SANTA PAINTING IS UPON us! All women of Visitation Parish are invited to join in the annual WOV Santa Painting: **Thursday, November 17, 8:15 am–12:15 pm** or **Sunday, November 20, 10:00 am–4:00 pm**.

We are switching it up this year and instead of having one santa option, we will have a variety of Santas so you can choose your favorite one to paint!

Skinny or plump, short or tall. Simple or detailed, but Merry in all! Please make sure to reserve a spot, so we know how many Santas to have in our lot. The early arrivals will get the first pick. So don't waste any time, get in to paint your St. Nick!

Reserve online at: <https://bit.ly/3FATMCb>.

Each Santa is \$20—pay at the time of painting. In addition, if you have an unfinished Santa from a prior year, no problem - select a day and bring him along. As always, paints and brushes will be provided. We will be in the Faith Formation Room in Tighe Hall.

If you would like to know more details about the available Santas or have a question, please email:

morgan.kuechler@gmail.com.



VISITATION MOTHERS OF YOUNG CHILDREN

GRATITUDE GATHERING

Join us for a mothers event to socialize
and make festive simmering holiday
potpourri - one to keep and one to gift
in this season of gratitude!

Thursday, November 17th
6 - 8 p.m. | Tighe Hall

RSVP | tinyurl.com/vismoyc2022fall



MOYC is open to all mothers of newborn to
school age children. We welcome you to this
event, or one of our future activities.



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.

FAITH FORMATION

ANNUAL ADVENT WREATH MAKING EVENT

November 27, 2022 | Tighe Hall | 9:00 am – Noon

Enjoy fellowship, donuts, coffee, juice, and seasonal music while assembling an Advent Wreath for your household.

\$10.00 (BYOR = bring your own ring)

Gets you 4 taper candles, florist wire, ribbons and fresh evergreen fir tips.

Add an 8" metal wreath ring for only \$5.00 more. (while supplies last)



Help support the Faith Formation Team's ministry in 2023!

For your \$50.00 donation, the Faith Formation Team will pre-package your premium Advent Wreath kit and you will receive a Visitation tote bag filled with resources for the new liturgical year!

Learn more about us at www.visonmainkc.com.

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- 2023 Scripture resource *At Home with the Word*
- pocket-size Advent Daily Reflection book
- a poster-size Liturgical Calendar
- an advance copy of this year's parish book, "The Monastic Heart" by Joan Chittister, OSB
- Pre-packed, premium Advent Wreath supplies (4 candles from *The Corner Candleshop* in Brookside, 8" ring)

BLOOD DRIVE

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All presenting donors will take home a free Chiefs T-shirt!



Kick start your Advent by giving the gift of life! Our next Blood Drive is Saturday, November 26, 9:00 am–3:00 pm, Tighe Hall.

To schedule your appointment, visit www.savealifenow.org/group and enter Group Code: VH. For additional details, contact Megan Burdolski at 816-753-5155 x1305 or megan@church.visitation.org.

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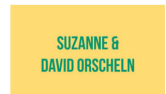
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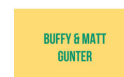
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THE CREED

Calling all those with a desire to learn. Join us on an adventure through the theology of the Nicene Creed.

November 16, 2022 | Session 1: "I believe"

In the fourth century, intense deliberations over theological questions gave rise to the Nicene Creed.

This formal statement of faith is the foundation for both eastern and western Christianity.

But in every age, we should attend to this basic question—what does it mean to believe in God?

TIGHE HALL

6:00 p.m.—Doors Open

6:15 p.m.—Simple Supper Served

6:30 p.m.—Program Begins

SAVE THE DATES!

January 18, 2023

Session 2: God the Father, Almighty

April 19, 2023

Session 3: Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son

LESSON 1: QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

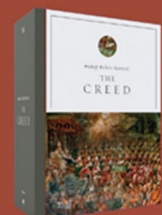
What is the tension between the early introductory words, "We believe" and the current form from the Latin, "I believe"?
How is each statement appropriate in expressing the doctrine of Christianity?

Reflect on the fact that just about every Christian in the world professes the same Nicene Creed, yet there are deep divisions among Christians. How can you stress the "common ground" in your relationships with Christians from other traditions?

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