

VISITATION PARISH

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 21, 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

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSIONARY PLAN OF COOPERATION COLLECTION

Fr. Thomas Vellappillil of the Missionaries of La Salette will preside Masses next weekend. A second collection will take place after Communion for the Missionaries' work in Angola, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Haiti, India, Madagascar, Myanmar, Tanzania, the Philippines and most recently Mozambique.

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW PARISHIONERS

- Kevin & Ada Koch
- Tracey & Chris Vaeth and children, Lily & Dylan
- Jim & Erin Darcy and children, James & Matthew
- Danielle Hugunin & Cody Reich and daughters, Shaleigh, Kennedy and Zoey

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. Registration information is coming soon!

BEFRIENDER MINISTRY

Please welcome and pray for our newest members of our Pastoral Care Team, Tony Gogel and Julie Aucar. Our Pastoral Care Team is a Befriending Ministry. If you know of someone who needs a caring ear or a visit, please let us know. If you are interested in reaching out to the homebound or becoming a Befriender, contact Chris Sanders at chris@church.visititation.org or 816-753-5155 x1309.



WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

WEDDINGS

The parish extends prayers and congratulations to Eleanor Lueke and Zach Fischer who married at Visitation on August 13.

OUR SYMPATHY

to Jimmy Bergner on the death of his father, Bill Bergner.

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
Olivia Connealy
Jimmy Connell
Jean Cummings
Allie May Dudenhoeffer
Shana Gadt
Susie Haake
Brooke Kuechler Harris
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.
Jorge Maldonado
Scott Martens
Priscilla McInnes
Tim McNamara
Thomas McNamara
Tricia Melland
Birdie Mendance
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 Valdeperas, 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

A LITTLE VISITATION

Dear Friends,

Summertime is gently gliding toward a smooth but unwelcome landing. Unwelcome because it has been a pretty good summer around here and I am not ready for it to end. Sure, there have been some hard circumstances, Jim Lynch's rather abrupt death and huge funeral comes immediately to mind, but all in all, the last two months have been peaceful and progressive. Mary Kallman and team have done a super job of getting the Kindergarten altogether moved across the street. She has hired some very promising new people for the school. The building is shining up nicely. I had a little meeting with the school faculty in which they impressed me with their eagerness to get on with the new academic year. In all my years of school, I am sure I never looked forward to a single day of it like many of our teachers anticipate this imminent term. Our enrollment is even looking a bit better than I feared it would be. Over on the Main Street side, the staff laughs together and thoroughly respects each other. That is not a given thing. The facilities are in good shape, and get better every day, thanks to our new diligent and dependable custodial crew. We can pay our bills, finally hear our liturgy, and work with some assurance of emotional stability. So times ain't all bad, I am happy to say.



This summer has afforded me a chance to get back into the Communion call business in a serious way. Taking Holy Communion to the homebound is a very worthy function of a parish apostolate and at Visitation it is mostly done by our faithful, loving volunteers. We would be severely hobbled without their devoted labors. But this summer I have found time to frequently get out there myself and visit with many of our homebound through more regular Communion calls and I have greatly enjoyed it. We have a mostly unheralded resource in our elderly. As I sit visiting with them I have very often wished I could somehow haul them into the pulpit on Sunday morning so the wider community could hear them muse on the lessons they have culled from what the Apostle calls, "running the race and fighting the good fight." I fear my interlocutors might not appreciate me using their names, so I will not, but there are things they say that I hope I can remember for they are so worth holding onto.

One couple tells me stories of raising their big family here and how the happenstance rhythms of loving children led them into an unexpected season of chicken-raising and encountering strangers in their home and even in their bedroom of a night. They speak of these things, and so much more, with an amazing magnanimity. They somehow learned to just roll with the punches. Whatever life brought them, they met it with faith. Another couple is suddenly afflicted with health problems that threaten their lives and tear at the tender cohesion of their multi-generational household. They face their grim circumstances with a breath-taking courage. Still another older gentleman deeply sobs over the illness of his spouse. Surrounded by a wealth that most of us cannot even imagine in our most far-flung fantasies, he says, "I have worked hard all my life and have all this money. And, Father, now that I have it, I have discovered it means nothing." Let me tell you, as a person who came up with very little, I find this man's words a true challenge. Sitting in his home and listening to his testimony, which is obviously genuine, it is not only heart-rending, it is mesmerizing and thought-provoking. Oh God, what a high privilege it is to visit the aged and infirm! It is like going to school all over again. Sirach says, "An attentive ear is a wise person's delight." All of the people I have visited this gentle summer have posed complex and fascinating lessons for me. I wish I could roll every one of them into the sanctuary to share them with you. I hope to keep up my Communion calls regimen although I know it will be very hard to do when the pastoral fires are turned up again on that old Visitation parochial stove.

I can almost hear those bagpipers filling the bladders of their instruments, getting ready to pipe the new school year into session tomorrow morning (18 August). The west parking lot will be congested with children, some of them in emotional turmoil, saying good-bye to mom and dad as if they were marching off to war instead of a day's schooling. Poor kids. I wish I could take their frightened agonies away. I often wonder if that is not how God looks at all of us. Remember our Lord says, "Fear is useless, what is needed is trust." There will be scads of picture-taking and memory-making out there too. You know, people who are not part of a place like this really miss so much. As the black-draped observer of these things, I see it so plainly. This is a powerful place. So much happens here from the kindergarten door, to the wealthy man's penthouse, and the disheveled sickbed by the way. Let those who have eyes see widely, for the spectacle of Visitation is rich, rare, and redolent with many a lesson to peruse, by many a fireside, through many a silent night.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR
AUGUST 23-28**

Tuesday, August 23
 6:45 am Karen Jansen Spring †
 8:15 am Katherine Beckers

Wednesday, August 24
 6:45 am Nate Borders
 8:15 am David Offutt †

Thursday, August 25
 6:45 am Florence Farley †

Friday, Aug 26
 8:15 am Ruth Ann Bay

Saturday, August 27
 8:15am Jim Lynch †
 4:00 pm Drolette Wiedeman †

Sunday, August 28
 8:00 am People of Visitation
 10:30 am The Passantino Family

LITURGICAL MINISTERS AUGUST 27-28

| | 4:00 PM | 8:00 AM | 10:30 AM |
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| ALTAR SERVERS | J. Berghoff Q. Scanlon T. Saxe | W. Lueke A. Graziano A. Hughes | E. Orscheln J. McPherson I. Janes |
| EMCS | L. Saxe A. Thompson M. Thompson A. Smith K. Reichman | L. Hughes S. Hughes M. Lising A. Lueke P. Clarke | M. Widmer G. O'Brien L. Meyers L. McLiney T. Mayer |
| LECTOR | P. Major | M. McCann | D. Closson |
| USHERS | C. Maggiorotto W. Maggiorotto | F. Erlacker J. Erlacker J. Hughes | K. Kelly J. Mateski |
| SACRISTAN | K. Berghoff | E. Johnson | 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

**5141 Main St, Kansas City, MO 64112
Phone 816-753-7422 Fax 816-753-5505
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**Priest in Residence, Fr. Charles Rowe
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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| Bill Dunn | Tina Mateski |
| Dave Ekerdt | Brandon McManamy |
| Lorraine Gordon | Msgr. Brad Offutt, Pastor |
| Sara Keenan | Anne Ryan |
| John Legg | Sally Sallee |
| Don Lueke | Cindy Spaeth |
| Megan Burdolski, Staff Liaison | |

SCHOOL OFFICE

**5134 Baltimore, Kansas City, MO 64112
Phone 816-531-6200Fax 816-531-8045**

Principal, Mary Kallman x3140

Vice Principal, Bridget Gronninger x3141

Secretary, Bridget Winget x3136

**St. Vincent De Paul Help Line
816-753-9061**

**Diocese of Kansas City St. Joseph
Ombudsman, Joe Crayon 812-2500**

**Victim Assistance Coordinator,
Whitney True-Francis 392-0011**

SCHOOL OF RELIGION

School of Religion is for the Whole Community!

Serving the children of Visitation parish, their families, and neighbors.

MONDAYS, begins SEPTEMBER from 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 at www.visitaiton.org

*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.visitaiton.org

SOCIAL CONCERNS

REFUGEE ASSISTANCE - HELP NEEDED

The Visitation Refugee Assistance Committee (VRAC) is working with Della Lamb Community Services to prepare to welcome a family of new Kansas City neighbors. The new project is called "House to Home."

The process will begin with the collection of household items. Della Lamb will then match the Visitation community with a family relocating to our city and give us the location of their new home. VRAC will clean the home, move and organize our gifts there and finally meet the family and provide a welcoming meal.



Thank you to those who have contributed household items already. Monetary donations are also most welcome and will be used to purchase any remaining items for the family. To make financial donations, please go to our parish website, <https://www.visitation.org/>: Click the online giving button, under the Offertory and Contributions section, enter the amount of your donation as Other. Please make a note that it is for refugee assistance.

We are also asking for volunteers to help as movers, cleaners, organizers and food helpers for the family's first meal. If you are interested in helping in any way or if you have any questions, please reach out to Julie Morrall at jgmorrall@yahoo.com, 913-558-8825 or contact Karen Miller at karen@church.visitation.org. Thank you!

"For I was a stranger and you welcomed me." Matthew 25:35

SISTER PARISH



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 comments of check) or at our Go Fund Me Page: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/ride-for-madre-2022?qid=c50368e48e9d73a6c2497333159c1a2e>.

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



A small group of parishioners will complete an eight-week course, Faith and Racial Justice Changing Systems and Structures on August 22. The work has focused on reading The New Jim Crow (Michelle Alexander). However, every eight-week session includes the opportunity to invite a guest speaker as well as visit a church or social agency to be “immersed” with a group committed to racial justice. In late July, Sr. Rose McLarney, CSJ spoke to the group about her work at Journey to New Life. [Journey to a New Life Home Page - Journey to New Life, Inc.](#)

On August 8, the group’s immersion experience took them to the Center for Conflict Resolution <https://www.ccrkc.org/>. Located at 62nd and Paseo, the Center works in the areas of mediation and restorative justice in the community, in schools and in re-entry programs. To that last point, CCR opened a Transition Center in the West Bottoms in 2021 for men coming out of prison. The work of the Center is varied, but in all the focus is to empower people to resolve, manage and transform conflictual situations.

Before the immersion experience, Just Faith asks participants to reflect on the Gospel story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35). Just so, the CCR staff’s passion for justice, commitment to peace and respect for all people left our Vis Just Faith group with a clear sense of the presence of the Lord in our midst.

CONTINUING CONVERSATIONS ABOUT RACISM AND OUR FAITH

SAVE THE DATE - Thursday, September 22, will be the next “Continuing the Conversation about Racism and Our Faith.” This is an ongoing collaboration organized by parishioners of St. Monica’s Catholic Church and Visitation Catholic Community. All are welcome!

SCHOOL

DINING OUT DISCOUNT CARDS

Buy a Dining Out Discount card and save up to 20% off of participating restaurants! Go to <https://form.jotform.com/222176480293154> to purchase!

Thank you to all the participating restaurants!



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.



BLOOD DRIVE

Visitation Parish

Tuesday, August 23

12:00 - 5:00 pm

Tighe Hall

Visitation Church, 5141 Main

Sponsored by the Women of Visitation

Appointments are preferred. Book your appointment today at savealifenow.org/group, enter Group Code: VH. For additional details contact Megan Burdolski at (816) 753-5155 ext. 305 or megan@church.visitation.org.
Medical eligibility questions? Call 1.800.688.0800

**PINT FOR
A PINT**

Give blood and get a free or discounted pint from a participating brewery or pub.

Visit savealifenow.org/pint to learn more. All presenting donors 8/1/22-9/1/22 are eligible. Prizes hold no cash value and are non-transferable.



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ABOUT TOWN

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Help and encouragement after the death of a loved one

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life. We know it hurts, and we want to help.

Thursdays 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Beginning August 30th and running for 13 weeks, skipping Thanksgiving. To register, go to kcnativity.org/divorcecare-griefshare



DIVORCED? SEPARATED? WE CAN HELP

DivorceCare is a weekly seminar/support group that will help you heal from the hurt. It's a warm, caring environment led by people who understand what you are going through. Gain hope for your future!

Contact us today for more information

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Find Help • Discover Hope
Experience Healing



GOLDEN SHAMROCKS

Free will offering to benefit
Our Lady's Montessori School

Visitation Golden Shamrocks BACK TO SCHOOL LUNCHEON

Wednesday, August 24

12:00 Noon Tighe Hall

RSVP: 816-753-7422

Following lunch, Visitation parishioner Dave Ekerdt, retired Professor of Sociology & Gerontology at the University of Kansas, will be our guest speaker. Dave is the author of *Downsizing: Confronting our Possessions in Later Life*.

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.

HUNGER BANQUET



Hunger Banquet

Wednesday, August 31, 2022 6:00-8:00 pm

Xavier Hall, 5220 Troost Ave., KCMO

September is Hunger Awareness Month.

Join us as we share a meal and learn how Kanbe's Markets is making a difference in the KC community by providing fresh, affordable, healthy foods to people living in low-income, low access food deserts.

*Max Kaniger, founder of Kanbe's, will be our featured speaker.
Donations will be accepted to support their good work.*

Tours of the SFX Community Gardens and the Food Pantry will be available.

To RSVP, contact [Karen Miller](#) or [Sue Robb](#), or sign up [Here](#).

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Wednesday, August 17 at 10:33 am
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