

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
VISITATION PARISH
JANUARY 29, 2023



Blessed are the
peacemakers,
for they will be
called children
of God.

Matthew 5:9

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.

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

2022 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Contribution statements or acknowledgement letters for calendar year 2022 have been emailed or mailed. If you do not receive your statement by the end of this week, please contact Megan Burdolski, Director of Stewardship at 753-5155 x1305 or megan@church.visitation.org. Please take time to carefully review your statement and contact Megan with any discrepancies or questions you may have.

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.

CONFIRMATION

Today, Sunday, January 29, our Confirmation candidates will welcome Elizabeth Madeo, an accomplished speaker with a generous heart and soul. Elizabeth Madeo has had the joy of being the Director of Youth Ministries (and added Adult Faith Formation along the way) in the same parish since 2002! After receiving her Master's degree in Theology from the University of Notre Dame in 2009, she became an adjunct professor and contributing author while giving workshops, training sessions & retreats across the country. Pray for our candidates, sponsors and speaker as we share an inspiring session together.

LENTEN BOOKLET DEADLINE

The Faith Formation Team is busy editing the annual parish Lenten reflection book. If you were asked to write a reflection and have not yet submitted your draft to a team member, please do so immediately. Our deadline to the printer is fast approaching!

OUR SYMPATHY

We, as a parish community, extend our prayers and sympathy to LeeAnne Voorhees, on the death of her mother, Marialice Searcy; and to the families of Bernice Campbell and Ed FitzGerald who died recently.

REMEMBER OUR SICK

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	

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 # 5

On Alert: Team # 6

MASS INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY 31– FEBRUARY 5

Tuesday, January 31

6:45 am Mary Ann Ritzka †
8:15 am Dorothy Condellone Ley †

Wednesday, February 1

6:45 am Adam Wacht †
8:15 am Craig McCool †

Thursday, February 2

6:45 am Martha Beckers †

Friday, February 3

8:15 am Michael Siragusa †

Saturday, February 4

8:15am Brenda Stremel †
4:00 pm For the People of Visitation

Sunday, February 5

8:00 am Sharon Smart †
10:30 am Mary Casey †

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FEBRUARY 4-5

	4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
ALTAR SERVERS	D. Hodes N. Bond B. Burns	T. Colburn J. Bock B. Braselton	J. Sallee N. Clarkson K. Campbell
E MS	R. Moran L. Waters C. Brain S. Kearns L. Sokoloff	S. Miller K. Banes P. Banes P. Clarke T. Egan	S. Derks D. Dubrava V. Connell sub req A. Bergner S. O'Neill
LECTOR	D. Brain	S. Miller	J. Anderson
USHERS	C. Maggiorotto W. Maggiorotto	T. Colburn J. Hughes	T. Mayer sub req T. Ritchie
SACRISTAN	C. Ruiz	J. Palmer	J. Reboulet

PARISH BOUNDARIES

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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

PARISH COUNCIL 2022-23

Bill Dunn	Ryan Larson
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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.....:

“Thank you for presenting Martin Luther King, Jr.’s words to us. It was a beautiful presentation, and I enjoyed being there... The song, “Let Justice Roll Like a River,” had me focused and really encouraged to listen more! Martin Luther King, Jr is a hero. There’s so much wrong in this world, but Martin Luther King, Jr was on the right path to make things right. It’s so important to spread awareness, but with love...King talks about how Jesus says, ‘Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, pray for them that spitefully use you.’ We are all God’s creation, so how is it that you love him, but not his creation? That is the question I wonder each day.”

“The part that hit me the most was when he was talking about having to explain to his kids why they aren’t allowed the same rights as other people. It broke my heart because there isn’t even a valid reason why. That is what would be hardest for me.”

“What is really cool is that there was no way to look up those references and quotes, Dr. King just knew them by heart. I loved this line in the letter, ‘In any nonviolent campaign there are four basic steps: collection of the facts to determine whether injustices are alive, negotiation, self-purification, and direct action.’”

“...We got to sing while the readers came down the aisle and it was magical.”

“Thank you for...keeping his flame alive. The part that I found most powerful was when everyone in the church recited, ‘God, weaver of humanity, show us how to robe ourselves with Dr. King’s words. May we become women and men whose words and actions give rise to a world free of hatred and oppression.’... I think that Dr. King was a one of a kind human...This story was certainly a lot to take in, but I think the message was clear... love should be spread and injustice destroyed.”

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.



JANUARY IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH



U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

Human trafficking will never be truly defeated without eliminating the consumerism that feeds it and prosecuting those actors in receiving countries, including our own, that benefit because of the exploitation of vulnerable human beings. ... Human trafficking is a horrific crime against the basic dignity and rights of the human person. All efforts

must be expended to end it. In the end, we must work together - Church, state, and community - to eliminate the root causes and markets that permit traffickers to flourish; to make whole the survivors of this crime; and to ensure that, one day soon, trafficking in human persons vanishes from the face of the earth.

—On Human Trafficking, 2007

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 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 p.m. 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

- **January 23** Spring Semester began (for registered students)
- **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!)

FINANCIAL

December Contribution Income surpassed budget by \$40,762, or 7.5%, as the timing differences in parishioner giving patterns generated a positive turn at the end of the calendar year as members fulfilled their 2022 pledges. This surplus aligned with financial patterns seen in previous years. This month's positive contribution income has reduced the year to date shortfall to \$62,709 or 3.2% of budget expectations. Other Income, which includes ministries, program fees, miscellaneous one-time donations, School tuition, registration fees and before/after care fees had a deficit of \$4,129 in December, bringing our Total Operating Income for the month of December to a Surplus of \$36,633 or 6.21%.

Parish expenses in December were over budget by 3% or \$14,796, creating a Parish Net Income of \$21,838 for the month.

Month of December 2022				
	Actual	Budget	Difference	
Contribution Income	\$ 580,764	\$ 540,002	\$	40,762
Other Income	\$ 46,186	\$ 50,315	\$	(4,129)
Total Operating Income	\$ 626,950	\$ 590,317	\$	36,633
Operating Expense	\$ 503,725	\$ 488,930	\$	(14,796)
Net	\$ 123,225	\$ 101,387	\$	21,838

Fiscal YTD (July-December)				
	Actual	Budget	Difference	
Contribution Income	\$ 1,889,252	\$ 1,951,961	\$	(62,709)
Other Income	\$ 960,702	\$ 931,903	\$	28,799
Total Operating Income	\$ 2,849,954	\$ 2,883,864	\$	(33,910)
Operating Expense	\$ 2,639,242	\$ 2,662,232	\$	22,990
Net	\$ 210,712	\$ 221,632	\$	(10,920)

	Fiscal YTD This Year	Fiscal YTD Last Year	Difference	
Contribution Income	\$ 1,889,252	\$ 1,961,321	\$	(72,068)
Other Income	\$ 960,702	\$ 806,568	\$	154,134
Total Operating Income	\$ 2,849,954	\$ 2,767,888	\$	82,066
Operating Expense	\$ 2,639,242	\$ 2,594,327	\$	(44,915)
Net	\$ 210,712	\$ 173,561	\$	37,151

For the year to date, Contribution and Other Income show a deficit of \$33,910. Operating Expenses remain under budget by \$22,990, creating a deficit in our YTD Parish Net Income of 4.5% or \$10,920.

Compared to the prior fiscal year to date, Parish Net Income for 2022/2023 surpassed last year's results by \$37,151.

PASTORAL CARE

ENGAGED COUPLES

Congratulations on your Engagement! Visitation welcomes you into the marriage preparation process that will enrich and equip you to experience a joy-filled marriage. Visitation's engaged couples who are preparing for marriage are guided in an insightful and life-giving marriage preparation process. Our process helps form essential marriage tools and establish a closer connection with our parish community. The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph sets the expectation that engaged couples will notify parishes at least nine months in advance of their weddings in order to participate fully in preparation for the sacrament of marriage. Over the years our parish community has learned this and, without exception, contacts the parish as soon as they are engaged. For the most part people have to do that in order to get the church and reception site dates lined up well in advance of nine months. More recently, couples who are going "home" (out of Kansas City) to be married have contacted the parish three - six months before their weddings which does not allow adequate time. To be fair to those couples themselves and to the 40+ couples currently in marriage preparation at Visitation, if you are newly engaged, please contact our pastoral associate, Chris Sanders at 753-5155 x1309 or chris@church.visitation.org so we can begin your new journey to married life.





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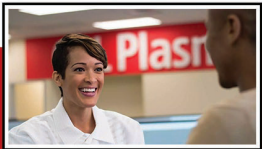
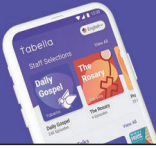
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GOLDEN SHAMROCKS

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VISITATION GOLDEN SHAMROCKS

Valentine's Day Luncheon

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12:00 NOON TIGHE HALL

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SCHOOL

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