

VISITATION PARISH
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
NOVEMBER 21, 2021



M A S S C H E D U L E

Sunday Masses

Saturday.....4:00 pm
Sunday..... 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Confessions

Saturday3:00 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

ADVENT PEACE TREE



Gift tags are in the narthex this weekend! Our Advent Peace Tree collection is a long-standing Visitation tradition. There are 14 different parishes, programs and entities that serve the needs of the

poor and depend on the generosity of our community during this season of giving. Please plan to pick up a gift suggestion tag today. All donations need to be returned by December 12. Should you have any questions, please email Marny Sherman at msherman@mlpholdings.com or call her at 509-2892.

Help is needed for our Advent Peace Tree Collection

- ⇒ November 27 - Assemble the Peace Tree.
- ⇒ December 4 & 5 - Volunteers needed before or after Masses to carry Peace Tree gifts to storage.
- ⇒ December 12 - Sort Peace Tree gifts. Volunteers meet in Tighe Hall after 9 am Mass.
- ⇒ December 13 - Deliver Peace Tree gifts. Volunteers meet in Tighe Hall at 8:30 am.

To volunteer or to learn more about these opportunities or ways you can support this effort, please contact Marny Sherman at 509-2892 or msherman@mlpholdings.com.

CHILI COOK OFF

The Knights of Columbus Council #1698 will once again host a benefit for Habitat for Humanity. The Chili contest will be held on November 28 from 5:00 -7:00 pm in Tighe Hall. Please plan to enter your favorite family recipe or come and sample some of the delicious offerings. The cost is \$5 per person or \$20 per family. All proceeds will help Habitat bring the joy of home ownership to life for a family in need. Contact Mark Blanck at 419-7171 to enter.



WEDDINGS

The parish extends prayers and congratulations to Morgan Kaiser & John Paul Falxbeard on their marriage at Visitation on November 6 and to Hannah Carmichael & Jake Kraus on their marriage at Visitation on November 13.

OUR SYMPATHY TO

Tom Jalonack of our parish on the death of his wife, Brenda Stremel and to Bruce & Janie Palmer on the death of their son, Jared S. Palmer.

REMEMBER OUR SICK

Suzanne Adams
Tina Amaro
Pamela Atherton
Barbara Kopp Atkinson
Maggie Quirarte Bates
Marilyn Frechin Blank
Dorothy Bock
Leonardo Borders
Mary Ann Brown
Mike Caraway
Shari Caraway
Marianne Carl
Beverly Cascone
Joanne Comiskey
Olivia Connealy
Jimmy Connell
Hunter Cook
Polly Donnelly
Allie May Dudenhoeffer
Tom Fraley
Susie Haake
Brooke Kuechler Harris
Mike Henninger
Joe Irwin
William Jewell
Jaquie Kallman
Peg Kallman
Shirley Kempker
Marriane Kersten
Ken Krna Family
John Langle
Bryan Larson
Betsy Lazere
Jeanne Lendabarker
Anthony Lipari, Sr.
Scott Martens

Priscilla McInnes
Thomas McNamara
Tricia Melland
Birdie Mendence
Mary Montgomery
Joe Noblitt
Jennifer Olson
Maria Onate
Charles Oppenlander
Nicholas Parscale
Leonardo Passantino
Connie Perucca
Pat Piranio
Nicola Pistone
Peggy Pruitt
Quinn Regan
Carol Riesmeyer
Ellie Rose
Forrest Rowe
The Ryan Family
The Saalberg Family
Jeff Schilling
Fran Schuetz
Barbara Schulte
Aimee Sesler
Bill Sharp
Sandra Sharp
Sharon Smart
Special Intention
Jeannie Sullivan
Peter Thompson
Tripp Thompson
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, Vicenza, Italy; Maj. Chris Oppenlander, Hill Airforce Base; Maj. Gisselle Oppenlander, Hill Airforce Base; Staff Sgt. Louis Perez, San Diego, CA.

RACIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE



ALL ARE WELCOME

You are invited to an evening with Dianne Cleaver on Wednesday, December 1 at 6:30 pm in Tighe Hall. This initiative of the parish Racial Justice Education sub-committee is open to everyone in the parish.

Dianne Cleaver, the founding president and CEO of the Urban Neighborhood Initiative, is the featured speaker for the final session. As she addresses the topics of the importance of racial justice to her life's work, its challenges and joys, she will address as well how faith has informed and formed her vocation. We are grateful to Dianne Cleaver for making the time to speak at Visitation and look forward to any recommendations she might

have for this Visitation group committed to racial justice. Please join the conversation on December 1 at 6:30

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Visitation offers a Baptism Preparation class for new parents six times a year. The next class will be **Saturday, December 18 from 9:00 am - 11:00 am in the church.** We will prayerfully walk through the Rite of Baptism and learn about the meaning of the ancient and rich Sacramental symbols.

- New parents are required to complete Baptism preparation prior to their child's baptism.
- All are welcome! Parents who would like a "refresher," or godparents wishing to deepen their understanding of Baptism, are encouraged to attend the class.
- To learn more, contact Teresa Albright at 753-5155 x1306 or visit the Baptism page on our website to begin planning for your child's baptism.



SCHOOL OF RELIGION

S.O.R. is a religious education program that serves the children of Visitation and their families. We gather in the church on Mondays from 5:15 - 6:15 pm.



Adult opportunity during S.O.R.! Parents and any parish adult are invited to reflect on God's forgiveness as we enter the Advent season. During S.O.R. classes; 5:30 - 6:15 pm in the St. Joseph Chapel.

We will use the booklet "Forgiveness: Choosing to Receive and to Give" from the Little Rock Scripture Study series, "Alive in the Word."

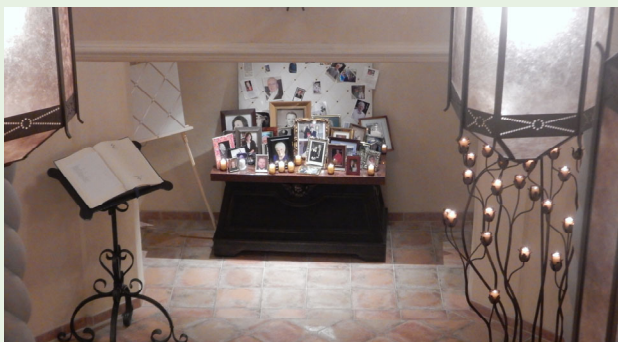
November 22 - *Forgiving as Jesus Forgives*

December 13 - *Sharing in the Mission of Jesus*

ALL SOULS MONTH

REMEMBERING OUR BELOVED DECEASED THIS NOVEMBER

The month of November has always been set aside to remember our beloved dead. You will notice the Book of Remembrance near the Good Friday cross; our burning bush votive tree and all the photos appearing on the catafalque. You are invited to bring a photo, framed or unframed, of your deceased loved one and place it on or near the catafalque (in the baptistry) anytime during the month of November. You may remember loved ones not from our community by adding their name to our book of remembrance or lighting a votive candle in their memory. Also, during the month of November we will sing a special litany where we will name each of the deceased members of our community in song and pray for them in a special way at the end of our communion rite. By the end of November, all community members who died this past year will be named in the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist.



PASTORAL CARE

PRAYER LIST

It has been our practice for many years to include prayer requests in our bulletin. Praying for others helps us stay connected to God and to one another. Thus we list parishioners, families and friends who are in need of the prayer support of this community. There is always a “Special Intention” listed in the bulletin so that we can hold in prayer any among us who have asked for prayers but prefer to remain anonymous. To place a name on the prayer list, contact Chris Sanders at chris@church.visitation.org or 753-5155 x1309. Thanks to each of you who prays for the intentions of this parish. *When you or your loved one is doing better and can be taken off the prayer list, please contact us and let us know. God Bless.*

FEED THE HUNGRY



MORNING GLORY CAFE

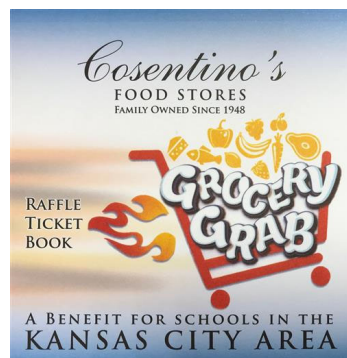
Volunteers are needed on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month (next opportunities are on December 7 & 21) to help prepare, serve and clean up after breakfast for those in need in downtown KCMO. They currently require six volunteers per date. Please reach out to Sandie McCray for more details simntandie@aol.com.

SCHOOL

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MASS INTENTIONS NOVEMBER 23-28

Tuesday, November 23
6:45 am Marguerite Harris †
8:15 am Martha Beckers †

Wednesday, November 24
6:45 am Timothy O'Leary †
8:15 am Suzanne Teeven †

Thursday, November 25
9:00 am Will Motter †

Friday, November 26
8:15 am Kim Nguyen

Saturday, November 27
8:15 am Kenny Marx †
4:00 pm Alfred Doerhoff †

Sunday, November 28
8:00 am Marceline Franey †
10:30 am People of Visitation

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State Line on the West to Oak St. on the East;
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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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Whitney True-Francis 392-0011

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 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 392-0011 or true.francis@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

FAITH FORMATION



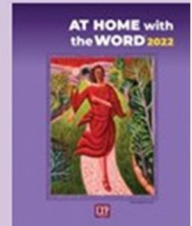
ADVENT WREATH MAKING

First Sunday of Advent—November 28
Tighe Hall * 9:00—10:30 a.m.

\$10.00 Advent Wreath Kit includes

- candles / 3 purple, 1 rose
- wreath ring (or bring your own)
- fresh evergreen fir tips
- wire to attached evergreen
- holiday ribbon for embellishment

Advent begins a new liturgical year.
Don't forget to pick up your copy of
the 2022 Scripture resource
At Home with the Word
for only \$5.00.



GOLDEN SHAMROCKS

ST. NICHOLAS LUNCHEON

Celebrate the season with the Visitation Golden Shamrocks! All senior members of the parish are invited to our St. Nicholas Day soup & salad luncheon (vegetarian/gulten-free options available.) Bring your wrapped or unwrapped white elephant gift(s) (wrapping makes it more fun) for White Elephant Bingo—you can play even if you don't bring a gift! Join us Monday, December 6 at 12:00 Noon in Tighe Hall. RSVP to the parish office at 753-7422.

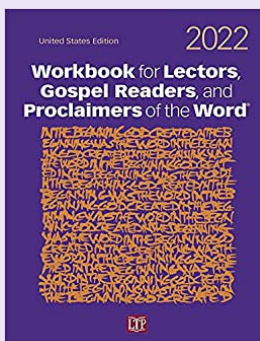


PASTORAL CARE

PLANNING AND UNDERSTANDING A CATHOLIC FUNERAL - NOVEMBER 30 AT 6:00 PM



A funeral liturgy is rich in beautiful symbolism, movement, and prayer. Do you or your loved ones know what your favorite scripture or hymns are? What does the church say about cremation? What is the difference between a funeral mass and memorial? How do you plan for a Catholic funeral? Pastoral Associate Chris Sanders will speak on how to plan a Catholic funeral or memorial. Join us on **November 30 at 6:00 pm in Tighe Hall.** *Please RSVP to 753-7422 by November 18.*



LECTORS: YOUR 2022 WORKBOOK FOR LECTORS IS AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP IN THE USHER/GREETER ROOM AFTER MASSES THIS WEEKEND.

You are Invited to Community Conversations about *Procession*

A documentary called *Procession* was filmed in our diocese and facilitates drama therapy for six survivors of clergy sexual abuse, some from our diocese. It will be released on Netflix on November 19.

What is your reaction to this?

This might be the first you've heard about it, or you may have already attended a pre-screening. You might be angry, curious, hopeful, infuriated, sad, anxious or all of these. Your emotions might be directed at the Church or any number of individuals. You might even be mad at yourself for feeling how you feel.

Journey to Bethany invites you, your friends and family to join with others in conversation about the film and the thoughts and feelings this brings up in you. These conversations are designed as safe spaces with a structure that allows for all to participate in the way in which they are most comfortable. It allows for all feelings and opinions to be shared and for the community to support one another. In addition, counseling professionals will be available for anyone who might want to speak with someone one-on-one.

The events are open to the public, so please share this invitation. In accordance with COVID-19 safety best practices, registration is required so that social distancing may be accommodated. Learn more and register at www.journeytobethany.org/conversations. We are considering a fully online (Zoom) session as well; if you prefer this option, please use the form on the website to let us know.

Schedule of Community Conversations

November 30 | 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Red Bridge Library Community Room

December 16 | 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
North Independence Library Community Room

January 9 | 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm
Location TBD



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FINANCIAL

Contribution Income in October rebounded from the downward trend in the previous month, exceeding budget by \$51,121 or 21.5% this month, and increasing the year-to-date surplus to \$52,204, or 5.2%. This upswing is rooted in timing differences in the giving patterns of a number of donors during the current calendar year. We are hopeful that all of our parishioners will show their heartfelt generosity and fulfill their 2021 pledges by the end of December in order to bring our Contribution income for the year-to-date into alignment with our budget in the next few months.

Other Income, which includes ministries and program fees, miscellaneous one-time donations, school tuition, registration fees and after care fees exceeded budget by \$1,198 in October, primarily due to higher than expected extended care income this month.

Parish expenses were over budget for October by \$23,698, due to school personnel and facilities expenses (utilities,

software and the purchase of two new refrigerators for school). The net before extraordinary for the month of October shows a deficit of \$119,675, \$28,621 better than how we anticipated the month to end.

The positive variance in parish Contribution Income in October served to boost the cumulative from the prior months to \$45,301 ahead of budget, while the negative expense variance in October wiped-out the positive variance carried forward from September, resulting in a deficit of \$5,437 or 0.3%, leaving a net before extraordinary surplus of \$38,828.

Compared to the prior fiscal year-to-date, parish net income for 2021/2022 surpassed last year's results by 82,426. This particular positive variance, however, will fluctuate from month to month as the year progresses, due in part to normal contribution and expenditure timing differences and to the volatility and some uncertainty that the Covid pandemic has introduced into Visitation parish life.

Month of October 2021

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Contribution Income	\$ 289,271	\$ 238,151	\$ 51,121
Other Income	\$ 18,783	\$ 17,585	\$ 1,198
Total Operating Income	\$ 308,055	\$ 255,736	\$ 52,319
Operating Expense	\$ 427,729	\$ 404,031	\$ (23,698)
Net	\$ (119,675)	\$ (148,296)	\$ 28,621

Fiscal YTD (July-October)

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Contribution Income	\$ 1,049,872	\$ 997,669	\$ 52,204
Other Income	\$ 750,038	\$ 756,941	\$ (6,903)
Total Operating Income	\$ 1,799,911	\$ 1,754,610	\$ 45,301
Operating Expense	\$ 1,686,717	\$ 1,681,244	\$ (5,473)
Net	\$ 113,193	\$ 73,365	\$ 39,828

	Fiscal YTD This Year	Fiscal YTD Last Year	Difference
Contribution Income	\$ 1,049,872	\$ 971,201	\$ 78,672
Other Income	\$ 750,038	\$ 665,675	\$ 84,363
Total Operating Income	\$ 1,799,911	\$ 1,636,876	\$ 163,034
Operating Expense	\$ 1,686,717	\$ 1,606,109	\$ (80,608)
Net	\$ 113,193	\$ 30,767	\$ 82,426

SOCIAL CONCERNS

CAREPORTAL

CarePortal is a platform created to connect children and families in crisis with individuals who have a desire to help. Local welfare professionals identify a need and social workers or caseworkers submit a request that goes out to participating churches nearby. It is easy to help. One or two times a week, our parish will send out emails with opportunities to help. Once you see a need that interests you, click "I can help". The social worker or caseworker will let you know how to get the item to the family in need. If you want to receive notifications of needs one or two times per week, email Karen Miller at karen@church.visitation.org and you will be added to a list of first responders!

