

VISITATION PARISH FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI JUNE 19, 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

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



WORLD REFUGEE DAY- JUNE 20

“The human tragedy that is forced migration is a global phenomenon today. This crisis which can be measured in numbers and statistics, we want instead to measure with names, stories, families.”

- Pope Francis

PRAYER FOR REFUGEES

Almighty God, Millions of our sisters and brothers are on the move around the world, Not by choice, but by desperation. For those forced to flee violence, We pray they find safety. For those seeking economic opportunity, We pray they find secure livelihoods. For those trying to support and protect their families, We pray they find communities to embrace them. For those searching for peace and hope, We pray that we may be bearers of the Good News. We are called to be prophetic advocates in this world. To call out injustice and be heralds of truth and love. We pray that all migrants, refugees and displaced persons may find safe and loving communities and the opportunity to thrive. And we pray that we may have the courage to stand and act in defense of human dignity for all our sisters and brothers in need.

Amen.

REFUGEE SERVICES- HELP NEEDED

If you are interested in refugee resettlement and want to work with other Visitation parishioners to help a family in transition, please contact Karen Miller at 381-6914 or karen@church.visitation.org. Team leaders and volunteers will be needed to pursue this opportunity.

REMEMBER OUR SICK

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| Suzanne Adams | Priscilla McInnes |
| Pamela Atherton | Tim MacNamara |
| Maggie Quirarte Bates | Thomas McNamara |
| Marilyn Frechin Blank | Tricia Melland |
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| Allie May Dudenhoefter | Ruth Quirarte |
| Shana Gadt | Quinn Regan |
| Susie Haake | Carol Riesmeyer |
| Brooke Kuechler Harris | Ellie Rose |
| Mike Henninger | The Ryan Family |
| Joe Irwin | The Saalberg Family |
| William Jewell | Gary Schafer |
| Lee Jones | Fran Schuetz |
| Jaquie Kallman | Barbara Schulte |
| Peg Kallman | Aimee Sesler |
| Shirley Kempker | Sandra Sharp |
| Marriane Kersten | Special Intention |
| John Langle | Jeannie Sullivan |
| Bryan Larson | Salvador Valdeperas, Sr. |
| Betsy Lazere | Annabelle Whalen |
| Jeanne Lendabarker | Dave Wittrock |
| Anthony Lipari, Sr. | Leigh Ann Zeller |
| Jorge Maldonado | |

Reminder:

Thank you for sharing your name with us. We are always ready to pray for you and your loved one. Please contact us and let us know when you or your loved one is doing better and ready to be taken off the prayer list. God Bless.

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

CHRISTMAS IN OCTOBER

TEAM LEADER NEEDED to help coordinate the Visitation work crew for Christmas In October! Work date is October 8. If you are willing to help, please contact Karen Miller 381-6914 or email karen@church.visitation.org

MASS INTENTIONS FOR JUNE 21-26		LITURGICAL MINISTERS JUNE 25-26		
		4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Tuesday, June 21 6:45 am Timothy Sterrett † 8:15 am Polly Donnelly †		N. Bond A. Evett N. Evett	J. Bock W. Lueke C. Fanning	D. Britt A. Calkins K. Campbell
Wednesday, June 22 6:45 am Rita † 8:15 am Rev. Norman Rotert †		S. Bastasch D. Bruegging C. Carmosino B. Roewe Keith Connor	M. Watts sub req C. Schorgl R. Paczkowski sub req H. Shinn K. Strauss	A. Bergner T. Mayer E. Connell V. Connell sub req V. Roach
Thursday, June 23 6:45 am Marlon Mayhue †		J. Evett	P. Fanning	E. Greim
Friday, June 24 8:15 am Tommy Beckers †		C. Maggiorotto W. Maggiorotto	J. Grego sub req B. Palmer	K. Kelly M. Krna
Saturday, June 25 8:15am Bob Liepold † 4:00 pm Roy Wingers †		J. Reboulet	J. Palmer	J. Roach
Sunday, June 26 8:00 am Sharon Smart † 10:30 am People of Visitation				

MINISTRIES

GREETERS NEEDED

We are in need of people to serve as greeters (ministers of hospitality) at all liturgies with the most need at the 10:30 am Mass. Greeters serve as the face of our community! Greeters welcome all who enter our doors at Mass. They distribute order of service cards, take up the offertory collection and tidy up after the liturgy. If you are available and interested in serving, please contact Liturgy and Music director, Alejandro Manso at 753-5155 x1307 or alejandro@church.visitation.org.

BAPTISM

SEEKING PARISH PARTNERS TO SERVE AS BAPTISM VISITORS



Inspired by the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the home of Saints Elizabeth and Zechariah.

- Receive a monthly email listing recently baptized children
- Prepare a gift bag (items supplied in the parish office)
- Schedule your visit with the parents
- Visit the family's home and present the gift from the parish

During the Visit:

Congratulate the parents and child; remind them that the parish community is here to support them; ask if they need anything; offer to pray with them; report to the Baptism Ministry Team about your visit.

Time Commitment: up to 1 hour per Visit.

Visitor Coordinator: Stephanie Barone,
myodyn@sbcglobal.net or 286-6336.

A LITTLE VISITATION

Dear People of Visitation,

This morning I was ruminating over in my prayer/tv watching/banjo practice/reading/homily writing/dining room over what to write you today. These recent days are a welcome luxury for this time of year very suddenly presents a less busy way of life. That is nice. However, summertime circumstances leave me scratching my head over bulletin letter topics. As I sat there today reflecting on this, it suddenly occurred to me that maybe you would enjoy knowing something about diocesan priest assignments and how they are done. This is the time of year when they are announced, so they are on folks' mind some. By the way, in our diocese they are usually effective on the first day of July.

We have no clergy assignments that directly affect Visitation this year. You folks are apparently saddled with me for another year. If that suits you fine, I share your satisfaction. If that disappoints you, don't worry. I have been around here long enough that whatever time I have left is almost certainly a lot shorter than the time I have already served. In another 365 days, it will be interesting to see where we are with it. Clergy assignments are rather interesting every year, especially to the clergy and parishes subject to a change.

Between seminary and ordained life, I have been at this work for 44 years. As I reflect on it, a fair amount has changed over all that time in the way priest assignments are done. When you get right down to it, the most salient factor in Catholic priest assignments is the diocesan bishop. When I was contemplating the seminary, we had an old and saintly bishop here named Charles Helmsing. Bishop Helmsing was truly a holy man. Maybe he was a wise one too. In any case, back in those days he had the luxury of leaving capable priests in parishes for a long time, and he often did. But Bishop Helmsing retired in 1977 and a new man came to town named Bishop John Sullivan. As the years have rolled on, I have come to think that Bishop Sullivan was also a rather saintly man. Oh, back in the day, I often thought he was mistaken in a lot of the things he said and did, but as the seasons accrued, he has looked more insightful every day. Perhaps he was ahead of his time. Anyway, Bishop Sullivan really shook up the priest assignment situation in our diocese, turning over a lot of parish apple carts. He was trying to shake some younger talent to the top of the diocesan pastoral apparatus and he had some success, and suffered some failure. He was urgent about it. Here is an anecdote that is hard to believe: I remember getting a letter in the mail in the Bishop Sullivan days announcing that all diocesan priests had to submit their retirement at age 65 and that it would be up to the Bishop to accept or reject it! Today that would be slightly less likely to happen than Santa Claus coming down your chimney on the Fourth of July.

In the Bishops Boland, Finn, and Johnston years, the diocesan priest talent pool has gotten much older and smaller. Despite that, the herd still has to be regularly culled for all kinds of legal, moral and performance issues. So in any given year, the diocesan bishop, and the Priest Personnel Board (a group of priests the Bishop uses to advise him on clergy assignments), are confronted with a lot of needs and comparatively few ways to satisfy them. Larger parishes are generally given the most proven pastors the diocese has available. Smaller places are often given priests of little, and even very little, pastoral experience. The dice is sometimes rolled. And, sometimes it works out well and sometimes it does not. It is an increasingly tough situation because there are fewer and fewer priests, whatever their respective abilities. You might say, "Well, why doesn't the diocese entrust parishes to lay people?" Fair question. I can tell you from long experience that there are very few lay people equipped with experience or interest to do the job either. I think in the future you will see more parishes closed, combined and under the administrative direction of permanent deacons for at this point we have more of them on active duty than we do priests. Their number escalates. They are younger. The priest population continues to age and decline in number. Places like Visitation (Is there really any place like Visitation?) will almost certainly be among the very last to come under the direction of a non-priest. But the way things are going, even places like ours could someday see the pastor charged with duty at more than one parish, with more purely administrative functions fully assigned to a lay person(s). It is a foggy, cloudy future and the clouds promise storms. Maybe even some severe ones.

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A LITTLE VISITATION (CONTINUED)

There are more than a few people at the diocese and in Visitation who counsel me to do more to promote priest vocations in this parish. I am not unsympathetic to that, but I am not at all sure how to do it. Gathering what I think I know about priest-vocation promotion efforts by my immediate predecessors, I think they shared my befuddlements. Just speaking for myself, I think the vocation of priest is primarily a life of service to God through the people of the parish. It certainly can be personally rewarding. It is a noble way to live if it is lived with integrity.

But, to me, its wonder and treasures are things that are more assuredly “caught” rather than “taught.” Raising interest in the priesthood is a long-term, uneven and mostly untestable process. If I am right about that, maybe Bishop Charles Helmsing’s long-term priest assignment philosophy made the most sense in terms of incubating priest vocations, would that it were feasible today. Generally, I do not think it is as feasible today as it once was. And that brings us full circle.

There is a group in our diocese called the Serra Club. One of their primary missions is to promote priest and religious vocations. Recently they have contacted me about beginning a program here to generate interest among younger people in priesthood and religious community life. As I learn more about that program, I will explain its particulars. Until then, I ask you to be open to fostering priestly and religious vocations in your family. Aye, it is not an easy life. But chances are the one you are living and modeling is not so easy either. Can a distinctly Christian life ever be easy?

In our Holy Communion
Msgr. Bradley S. Offutt

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

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 engages 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.



DIOCESE



PITCHING FOR PRIESTS TIES UP SERIES 4 - 4 WITH AN ARCHKCK WIN

The eighth annual Pitching for Priests softball game at KC Monarchs Stadium between Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph and Archdiocese of Kansas City, Kansas priests resulted in a 29-18 win for ArchKCK, and a 4-4 series tie.



Catholics from Belton, Blue Springs, Grandview, Holden, Independence, Kansas City, St. Joseph, Trenton, and Warrensburg came to cheer on their pastors in this fun priestly vocations fundraiser benefitting Catholic Radio.

PARISH BOUNDARIES

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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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

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Diocese of Kansas City St. Joseph
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Victim Assistance Coordinator,
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.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

COMMUNITY GARDEN – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you are interested in helping maintain our garden, please contact Alison Dudley at 914-3528 or alisondudleykc@gmail.com.

SANTA MARIA MADRE DE LOS POBRES

Friends of Maria Madre de los Pobres and fellow healthcare workers,

Our Sister Parish clinic in El Salvador is faced with challenges - now more than ever. The Madre Steering Committee is hopeful that we can send a Medical Delegation in October 2022. We are reaching out to find enough doctors, APRNs, Nurses, PT/OT, pharmacists, dietitians that may be open and willing to this adventure. Please contact Karen at 381-6914 or email karen@church.visitation.org.

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 assist those in need. Once you see an opportunity that interests you, click “I can help.” The social worker or caseworker will let you know how to get the item to the family. If you want to receive notifications one or two times per week, email Karen Miller at karen@church.visitaiton.org and you will be added to a list of first responders!



PETE'S GARDEN

Pete's Garden needs you! Pete's Garden recovers surplus prepared food from restaurants and food service operators. Volunteers repackage the food into healthy, take-home meals for families at Operation Breakthrough and other organizations and food pantries. Shifts are available every day except Sunday. To learn more about the mission or to sign up for a volunteer shift, please go to www.petesgarden.org or <https://petesgarden.org/volunteer>.

THANK YOU FROM BISHOP SULLIVAN CENTER

Dear Karen,

Thank you so much to the staff and parishioners at Visitation for your recent donations to Bishop Sullivan Center for emergency assistance at both our Truman and Troost locations.

Your donations allow us to continue to provide emergency assistance to those in need in Jackson and Clay counties. So far this year, we have assisted 199 families with rent, utility and other assistance. With inflation rising, we anticipate an even larger number of people will need our assistance throughout 2022.

Your contributions make a difference to many people in our community. Thank you so much for your support. If you have any questions or if I can ever be of assistance to you, please contact me at 231-2971 or via email at michelle.carlstedt@bishopsullivan.org.

Sincerely Yours,
Michelle Carlstedt

RACIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

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REDLINED: CITIES, SUBURBS AND SEGREGATION

The Visitation Racial Justice Committee invites you to explore Kansas City's history of redlining - in a new exhibit at the Johnson County Arts & Heritage Center. REDLINED uses artifacts from the Johnson County Museum, State Historical Society of Missouri, and more than 20 other institutions, to show how our region was shaped by the federal policy.

Redlining refers to the systematic disinvestment of some neighborhoods and populations in favor of others, most often based on race. It meant that private industry and, later, the federal government chose to fund and support home purchases for white families and white neighborhoods over African American families and communities of color. The policy was outlawed by the 1968 Civil Rights Act, but legacies of redlining continue to impact communities of color.

The exhibit pulls content from more than 120 books, articles and dissertations, as well as thousands of primary-source documents housed at regional and national archives. An art exhibit within the exhibit features works from the African American Artists Collective (aaackc.org) - providing a chance to reflect on the history and legacies of redlining from different perspectives.

Johnson County Arts & Heritage Center
8788 Metcalf Ave., Overland Park, KS 66212
913-826-2787

Open Monday - Saturday, 9:00 am - 4:30 pm through January 7, 2023
Tickets: Adults \$6, Seniors \$5, Children \$4

Learn more: <https://www.jcprd.com/1811/Special-Exhibit-Redlined-Cities-Suburb>.

GOLDEN SHAMROCKS

HELP US PLAN FOR 2022-2023

A mailing was sent to our senior/retired parishioners last week. Part of the mailing is a survey to enlist your feedback on past Golden Shamrocks events and to share your ideas for future activities. All retired/senior parishioners are invited and encouraged to complete and return your survey to the parish office in the enclosed envelope no later than June 23.

We need new members for our Senior Ministry Team which helps plan our Golden Shamrocks events. If you are interested in being part of our group, please let us know on the survey. Questions? Contact Millie Krna at milliekrna@gmail.com or Megan Burdolski at megan@church.visitation.org.

VISITATION SCHOOL

SAVE THE DATE!

**2022 VAC GOLF TOURNAMENT - THURSDAY,
OCTOBER 13, 9:00 AM AT
SWOPE MEMORIAL GOLF COURSE**

- 9:00 am Shotgun for the 14-Hole Tourney - \$125 per Golfer or \$375 per Team (3 Players per Team)
- Noon Shotgun for the "Quick-4" - \$40 per Golfer or \$160 per Team (4 Players per Team)
- VAC Booster Opportunity - Company and/or Family Sponsorships Available (\$500 / \$1,000 / \$1,500)
 - o Pay an extra \$100 in addition to your individual player entry fee and receive a "Par" sponsorship
 - o Please register using the "Google Form Link" listed below:
<https://forms.gle/Bi479RnYXHxPTo1H8>
 - o Please Venmo all entry fees and sponsorship dollars to @Ryan-Larson-42
 - o *PLEASE list - "2022 VAC Golf Tourney" - in the Venmo Notes Section so Ryan Larson can track payment*



Questions? Please contact Bart Hoolehan III at bhoolehan@bpaco.com or call/text 913-424-2089

We'd love for you to be part of our great community event!



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