

VISITATION PARISH  
EASTER SUNDAY  
APRIL 17, 2022



## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



## WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

### EASTER OFFICE & SCHOOL HOURS

Visitation School and the parish office will be closed on Monday, April 18.

### SCHOOL MASTER PLAN

Current school families and prospective school families are invited to a Town Hall meeting with representatives from Hollis + Miller architects to learn more about the progress on our Visitation School Master Plan. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 19 from 6:00-7:30 pm in Tighe Hall. All families with children currently in Visitation School as well as parents of young children who may be future students in our school are encouraged to attend.

### A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISHIONERS!

- Tom & Bev Niehus
- Marc, Katie, Ella & Thomas Choquette
- Jeff, Meghan, Eve, Gabe, & Franklin McCarther

### RICE BOWL



Our CRS Rice Bowl journey has ended, but our prayers, fasting and almsgiving continue as we seek a closer relationship with God and our

global family. Let us hold in our hearts our sisters and brothers in Guatemala, Bangladesh and Rwanda and commit to share our Easter joy with those in our local community and around the world. Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl next weekend, April 24, in the narthex or donate online at [crsricebowl.org/give](http://crsricebowl.org/give).

### ADULT CONFIRMATION

Bishop James V. Johnston will preside over the sacrament of Confirmation for adults on June 9 at 7:00 pm. Baptized adult parishioners who have already celebrated First Communion should contact Teresa Albright at [teresa@church.visitation.org](mailto:teresa@church.visitation.org) by April 18 to learn more about preparing for this final Sacrament of Initiation.

### OUR SYMPATHY

We, as a parish community, extend our prayers and sympathy for the loss of a coworker and friend, Robert Stumpff, who died on Wednesday, April 6.

### REMEMBER OUR SICK

**Joanne Comisky**  
Suzanne Adams  
Pamela Atherton  
Maggie Quirarte Bates  
Marilyn Frechin Blank  
Dorothy Bock  
Leonardo Borders  
Mary Ann Brown  
Mike Caraway  
Shari Caraway  
Marianne Carl  
Beverly Cascone  
Olivia Connealy  
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Shana Gadt  
Susie Haake  
Brooke Kuechler Harris  
Mike Henninger  
Laura Horigan  
Joe Irwin  
William Jewell  
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Jaquie Kallman  
Peg Kallman  
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Maggie O'Neill  
Jennifer Olson  
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Nicholas Parscale  
Connie Perucca  
Nicola Pistone  
Kat Potter  
Peggy Pruitt  
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Carol Riesmeyer  
Ellie Rose  
The Ryan Family  
The Saalberg Family  
Gary Schafer  
Jeff Schilling  
Fran Schuetz  
Barbara Schulte  
Aimee Sesler  
Sandra Sharp  
Special Intention  
Robert Stumpff  
Jeannie Sullivan  
Tripp Thompson  
Salvador Valldeperas, Sr.  
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Dave Wittrock  
Leigh Ann Zeller

### Reminder:

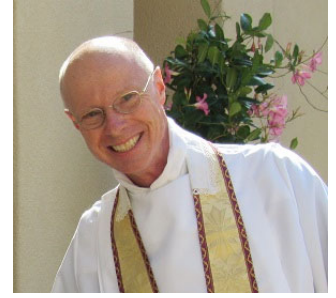
Thank you for sharing your name with us. We are always ready to pray for you and your loved one. Please contact us and let us know when you or your loved one is doing better and ready to be taken off the prayer list. God Bless.

*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.*

## A LITTLE VISITATION

Dear Beloved of Christ,

I have sometimes wondered what it must have been like for Mary Magdalene, the “Apostle to the Apostles,” to be walking in her grief to the grave of Jesus on that first Easter Sunday morning. The gospels tell us she had some tokens of piety and remembrance in her hands, spices to apply and oil to pour. Her tender mind would have been so tossed with turbulent waves of wonder. She would have been so deep into digesting the strange experience of knowing the mysterious Jesus, witnessing his words and works, feeling his love, and watching him die a tortured and ignominious death. Then to come upon the tomb and find it open would have been startling and heart-wrenching. No doubt she wondered for a moment if she was even in the right place. Maybe in her anxious and emotional state she had somehow become lost. So she “ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple whom Jesus loved and told them, ‘They have taken the Lord and I don’t know where they put him.’” She must have felt, at that point, that she had not only lost Jesus on the Cross, now she had lost him again, from the tomb. Everything, every vestige of this man she loved was ripped away from her. How cruel can fate become? She does not even have the consolation of an unwelcome answer. She does not know what is going on. She knows she feels asunder and expects the worst. She can only survey the bleak situation and blink, and cry.



So John and Peter came and surveyed the situation. They saw the empty tomb and “went back home” we are told in John 20:10. But Mary Magdalene stayed around there. Her devotion was rooted in a love so deep. She could not be torn away. And her perseverance was greatly rewarded when after briefly talking with two men at the tomb she turned around and her eyes caught the gaze of a man who asked her, “Woman, why are you crying? Are you looking for someone?” She thought he was a gardener and said, “If you have taken him away, please tell me where and I will get him out of your way.” And that man she had taken for a cemetery tender simply said to her, “Mary!” and she then somehow understood. Her mind cleared and her heart flooded with deep and ecstatic love. She would not find Jesus among the dead, the object of her errand would go wanting, because he was in fact alive. Jesus told her to make the trip to see the boys once again. She was to tell them that he was alive and “ascending to my God and your God.”

As she ran back to Peter and John for the second time that morning, how surreal it must have been. She surely wondered if she had dreamed the whole thing, yet she ran relentlessly to complete the critical mission Christ had specially entrusted to her. And later, when some of the fog had cleared and the impossible was recognized as actual, I have it in my head that she repeatedly said to herself, “I shouldn’t have wondered. . . . I shouldn’t have wondered. . . . I was there when he fed the multitudes. . . . I was there when he restored the sick. . . . I heard his provocative words. . . . I witnessed how he commanded that band of fractious followers. . . . I saw how he confounded the best minds of the religious authorities. Why have I been so obtuse? I love him as much as anyone could love him and even I have been slow to believe that there is more to this life of ours than meets the eye. Why have I been so convinced that what I perceive as the limits of possibility constitutes the fullness of truth? . . . I have put my world, my life, and my God, in a box, wrapped it up with a rational bow, and wrote “truth” on it and now, from what I saw today at the tomb, I know I had no right to do that. . . . I should not have wondered.”

In my gut, I think that every one of us will experience a moment like this. Yes, even me, a glass half empty, severely skeptical kind of guy. I know I am blessed in many ways, but some days I have a good bit of trouble assessing the portents of my blessings. But for all my debilities, life has gathered to me an intuition that Mary Magdalene’s excellent adventure will be replicated in all of us. We will be so surprised to learn that Easter is real.

In our Holy Communion,  
Msgr. Bradley S. Offutt

## MASS INTENTIONS APRIL 19-24

**Tuesday, April 19**

6:45 am Dick Miller †  
8:15 am Martha Beckers †

**Wednesday, April 20**

6:45 am Rev Richard Carney †  
8:15 am Elaine Braun †

**Thursday, April 21**

6:45 am Barbara Fitzgerald †

**Friday, April 22**

8:15 am Sam Serrano †

**Saturday, April 23**

8:15am Robert Stumpff †  
4:00 pm Roy Wingers †

**Sunday, April 24**

8:00 am People of Visitation  
10:30 am Suzanne Teeven †

### PARISH BOUNDARIES

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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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## RACIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE/FAITH FORMATION



The Visitation Racial Justice Education Sub Committee offering, Faith and Racial Healing, will conclude its 8-week session with a guest speaker, Brianna Walker, on April 27, 1-2 pm in Tighe Hall. Anyone in the parish is invited to attend this afternoon reflection on the connection between personal faith and the work of racial justice.



Brianna Walker is the Director of Equity Outreach and Inclusive Education/Admissions Assistant at St. Teresa's Academy. A graduate of the University of Missouri-Columbia in 2015, she has worked as the Coordinator of Culturally Diverse Recruitment for the Mizzou Office of Admissions and later as a college preparation coach. At St. Teresa's Academy, Brianna's efforts ensure the STA community embraces an atmosphere of acceptance and education surrounding diversity issues through ongoing programming, extracurricular opportunities, recruitment tools and professional development.

## MINISTRY NEEDS

### 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](mailto:alejandro@church.visitation.org).

## PASTORAL CARE

**BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKEND** is April 29-May 1. Beginning Experience Weekend is for divorced and widowed persons. Our program helps those suffering these losses through the grieving process, enabling them to look to the future with renewed hope and deepened faith. For more information or to register, visit [www.beginningexperiencekc.org](http://www.beginningexperiencekc.org) or call Maria at 913-314-9844.

### RETRouvaille WEEKEND

EVERY MARRIAGE HITS A ROCKY ROAD at times. If this is such a time for you because of stress, loss of work, anxiety, communication problems or loss of purpose, then think about making a RETROUVAILLE weekend. For confidential information about or to register for a weekend, visit <https://www.helpourmarriage.org/> <https://retrokc.com/> Visitation parish wants to support our married couples—always—in good times and in hard times. If you would like to make the weekend, but are concerned about the cost (\$200) we as a community want to help. Contact Chris Sanders at [chris@church.visitation.org](mailto:chris@church.visitation.org).

## SOCIAL CONCERNS

### MISSOURIANS FOR ALTERNATIVES TO THE DEATH PENALTY



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, May 3 at 5:45 pm there will be a vigil in our courtyard for Carmen Deck. We will also pray for his family, the victims and their family, the legal team, those asked to carry out the heinous act and for our government officials to open their hearts to a deeper respect for life. Carmen’s execution is scheduled to occur at 6:00 pm.

### COMMUNITY GARDEN – WE NEED YOUR HELP

If you are looking for an ongoing volunteer opportunity and if you love to garden, we need your help! The St. Francis Xavier/Visitation Community Garden is a vital source of healthy food for those in need. If you are interested in being part of a team that makes a difference, please contact Alison Dudley at 914-3528 or [alisondudleykc@gmail.com](mailto:alisondudleykc@gmail.com).



### CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:

Do you want to encounter Christ, engage in meaningful service opportunities while making meaningful memories with your friends? If so, please plan to join us this summer from Sunday June 5 - Wednesday June 8! Space is limited for this opportunity so please reserve your spot today. Contact Karen Miller in the parish office at 381-6914 or [karen@church.visitation.org](mailto:karen@church.visitation.org).



## BLOOD DRIVE

### GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE!

Our next blood drive will be Thursday, May 12, 12:00 - 6:00 pm in Tighe Hall. Make your appointment on-line at [https://donate.savealifenow.org/donor/schedules/sponsor\\_code](https://donate.savealifenow.org/donor/schedules/sponsor_code). Use sponsor code: vh.



## Blood Drive!

## SCHOOL

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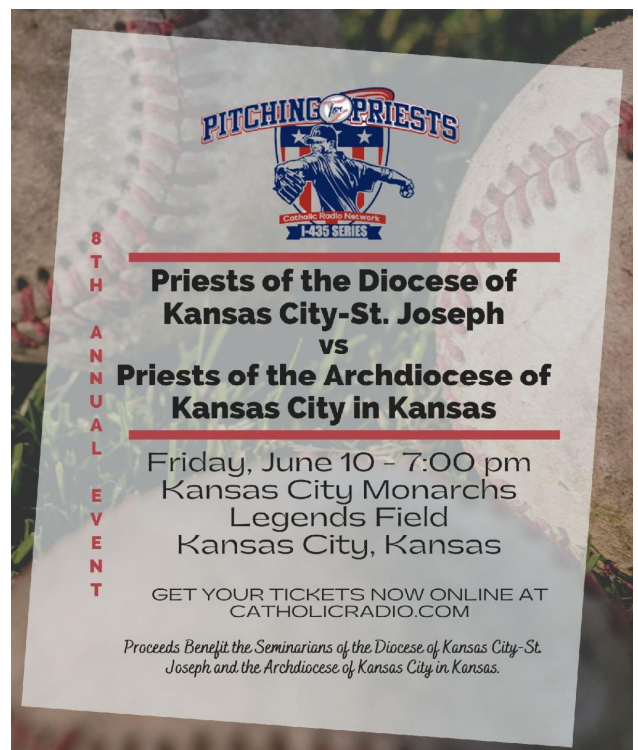
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