

VISITATION PARISH

PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 13, 2025



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 ES

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



CONFIRMATION HIGH SCHOOL - APRIL

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CANDIDATES ON
RETREAT TODAY!**

- Sunday, April 27-REHEARSAL Candidates and Sponsors - **4:00 pm (Note Time Change)**
- Wednesday, April 30 - CONFIRMATION at 7:00 pm in the Church. Sponsors/candidates in assigned pew by 6:45 pm!!

Vis/SFX JUNIOR HIGH - APRIL

****PLEASE NOTE CHANGES-Both in times and locations****

- Sunday, April 13 - 4:00-5:30 pm, Candidates **ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH****
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CRS RICE BOWL

Thank you for your generosity to the Rice Bowl Lenten collection this year. Please remember to bring your donations to the parish office or to the narthex by April 27!

WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE
IN ADORATION WHICH IS OFFERED
EVERY WEDNESDAY IN THE
ST. JOSEPH CHAPEL FROM
9:00 AM- 5:00 PM.**

**THE ROSARY FOR THE SICK WILL
CONTINUE TO BE HELD IN THE
ST. JOSEPH CHAPEL AT 5:30 PM EVERY
WEDNESDAY FOR THOSE ON THE
PARISH PRAYER LIST.**

REMEMBER OUR SICK

Susan Erwin

Earl Adam

Pamela Atherton

Bill Blanck, Sr.

Jerry Calkins

Marianne Carl

Mary Beth Cicchetti

Kay Dierks

Whit Emanuels

Bill Fuss

Brooke Kuechler Harris

Kristin Heyer

Megan Hoefer

Margaret Howard

Joe Irwin

William Jewell

Bryan Larson

Jeanne Lendabarker

Jolene Lynn

Bob Lystad

Scott Martens

Tim McNamara

Tricia Melland

Jen O'Neill

Peggy Pruitt

Laine Riehle

Ellie Rose

Kathy Scaglia

Gary Schafer

Barbara Schulte

Aimee Sesler

Sandra Sharp

Kathy Sims

Danny Smith

Special Intention

Salvador Valldeperas, Sr.

Dave Wittrock

MILITARY

The parish community continues to pray for parish members and their families who are serving in the armed services: Major Philip Martin, Fort Leavenworth, KS; Major Chris Oppenlander, Hill Air Force Base, UT; Major Gisselle Oppenlander, Hill Air Force Base, UT.

FUNERAL MEAL TEAMS

On Deck: Team # 12

On Alert: Team # 6

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners,

Jesus' public ministry carries a redemptive power. By his teaching, healing, forgiving and example, he transforms the story of human life, liberating us from darkness and restoring our hope. His entry into Jerusalem, however, elevates the urgency of his mission, opening the path to his self-sacrificing love. So Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion marks a turning point for us liturgically. Lent takes on a new dimension as we seek to walk faithfully with Jesus to the Cross and beyond.

Peace,
Fr. Greg



FAITH FORMATION

SPRING BIBLE STUDY FOR ADULTS

Begins April 23, 2025

Apr. 30, May 7, 14, 21, 28

Wednesdays

6:30—8:30 pm

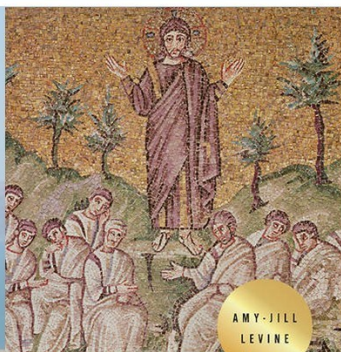
Tighe Hall, Media Classroom



BOOK & VIDEO LESSONS
FACILITATED BY

TERESA ALBRIGHT,
PASTORAL MINISTER

Email or Call to register:
teresa@church.visitation.org
—OR— (816) 753-7422



SERMON *on*
the MOUNT

A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

SERMON ON THE MOUNT:

A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

"For Jesus, LIFE meant being part of a community. His comment, 'the Kingdom of God is among you' demonstrates that communal presence. When people take seriously the Sermon on the Mount... the Kingdom is present."

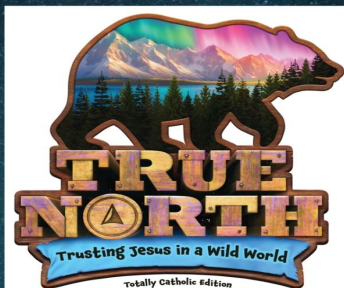
- Dr. Amy-Jill Levine, Author

\$20 suggested donation for
book and materials.

The Sermon on the Mount contains some of Jesus most profound and most memorable teachings. What might these teachings have meant to his disciples, and to the others who first heard them? How do they enhance our reading of the rest of the Gospel, and how do they speak across the centuries to listeners today? How, if we pay careful attention to his words, does Jesus provide us a road map to living as God would have us live?

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

SAVE THE DATE



VBS JULY 28-31, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS APRIL 15- 20

Tuesday, April 15

6:45 am Maria Chalk †

8:15 am William Motter III †

Wednesday, April 16

6:45 am Elaine Braun †

8:15 am Beatrice Santer †

Thursday, April 17

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 18

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Saturday, April 19

8:00 pm People of Visitation

Sunday, April 20

8:00 am Gerry Handley †

10:30 am Brian Adams †

PALM SUNDAY 2015



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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BULLETIN DEADLINE Noon Monday

SACRAMENTS

Anointing of the Sick by appointment

Fr. Greg and Jennifer Greene

Eucharist to Homebound and Hospital, Jennifer Greene

Sacrament of Matrimony, Contact Jennifer Greene to begin marriage preparation.

Sacrament of Confirmation, Youth Jennifer Greene

Sacrament of Infant Baptism, Adult Confirmation and Sacraments of Initiation, For those who wish to become Catholic. Teresa Albright

PARISH COUNCIL 2024/25

Stephen Bowen

Kristie Larson

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Jim Erlacker

Steve O'Neill

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816-753-9061

Diocese of Kansas City St. Joseph

Ombudsman, Joe Crayon 816-812-2500

Victim Assistance Coordinator,

Whitney True-Francis 816-392-0011

RACIAL JUSTICE



Just Faith Racial Healing is an eight-week program that fosters active listening, dialogue and prayer as a small group explores and deepens awareness of the history of privilege and racism.

The current Just Faith group, the ninth such group that our parish Racial Justice committee has facilitated, is nearing completion. True to the experiences of the past 90+ participants, this group has formed a bond of support, and deepened their understanding of the challenges of racism. The final sessions will include a session on the true theology of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr and participation in Johnson County Library's Dividing Line tour. On May 7, Terri E. Barnes, president of the

Nia Project and member of the Mayor's Task Force on Reparations will be the speaker for the final class. All past Just Faith participants are invited to attend the May 7 session.

We are humbled by the commitment of this Just Faith group, which includes Vis parishioners, parishioners from other parishes, as well as diocesan Vicar General, Fr. Charles Rowe and the Director of the Office of Life and Justice, Deb Sheppard. It is a privilege to share the journey with all of this group.

The parish Racial Justice Committee will continue to offer the Just Faith Racial Healing in the months to come. If you would like to know more, please contact RJC co-chairs, Linda Hughes (lchteach20@gmail.com), Peg Ekerdt (peggyekerdt@gmail.com) or Karen Miller (karen@church.visitation.org) of the parish staff.

MOTHERS OF YOUNG CHILDREN

Today!

HOP INTO
Holy Week

SUNDAY, APRIL 13
Tighe Hall
4:00-5:30

4:30 LITTLE KID EGG HUNT
4:45 BIG KID EGG HUNT
Snacks Provided

PLEASE RSVP
FOR CHILDREN
HOSTED BY MOYC

RSVP: <https://tinyurl.com/MOYCHOP25>

Earth Day 2025



Our Power, Our Planet



EARTH DAY 2024 - VISITATION- JOIN THE CELEBRATION

Earth Day 2025 will be celebrated April 22 throughout the world by over a billion people in 190 countries. Earth Day is the largest recognized civic event of this kind globally. Here's how you can track what's happening this year and some ways in which you can be involved.

- Earth day was celebrated in the US in 1970.
- The theme this year is “**Our Power our Planet,**” inviting everyone around the globe to unite behind renewable energy, and to triple the global generation of clean electricity by 2030.
- **Catholic Climate Covenant** (CCC) an environmental group that links together major Catholic organizations like dioceses and parishes.
- **Climate Council KC** has information and different ways to participate listed on their website at [Climate Council \(climategkc.org\)](https://climategkc.org)
- **The Diocese of Kansas City-St Joseph** is in the process of putting together an environmental plan to promote the integral ecology espoused by Pope Francis and to facilitate specific activities that lessen the carbon footprint of our lives.

That said, what might a Visitation parishioner do to celebrate Earth Day 2025 at this stage of affairs? Continue to do whatever you do in your family life to conserve energy, reuse and recycle material resources, and simplify your consumer practices. **Earth Day 2025 would be an opportunity** to spend some time in self-education, looking over the three web sites mentioned and learning more about what is happening in both civic and Catholic circles, responding to the urgent need for greater attention and action to care for the earth itself. Enjoy and celebrate Earth Day 2025 with [Earthday.org](https://earthday.org), [Climategkc.org](https://climategkc.org) and [Catholicclimatecovenant.org](https://catholicclimatecovenant.org). You can make it a special day and a vibrant way to practice your faith.

SHAMROCK SNAPSHOT

MOTHER-SON BOWLING SHOWDOWN: A NIGHT OF STRIKES, SPARES, AND LOTS OF LAUGHTER!

This year's Mother-Son Bowling Showdown was a huge success! Big thank you to all who participated, all funds supported the PTO. The energy at the bowling alley was contagious, as mothers and sons teamed up to show off their bowling skills—some with impressive strikes and others with a few hilarious spares! It was a fun-filled night.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR THIRD QUARTER HONOR ROLL STUDENTS!

A big round of applause to our dedicated Shamrocks who earned a spot on the Third Quarter PRINCIPAL's Honor Roll! Your commitment to excellence and hard work is truly inspiring, and we are so proud of your achievements. Keep up the great work, Shamrocks—you're setting the bar high for the rest of the year!



VISITATION JUNIOR BOARD: MAKING A MEANINGFUL IMPACT IN OUR COMMUNITY

The Visitation Junior Board, our student-led foundation, continues to make a positive difference by supporting local non-profit organizations. Recently, our board members had the opportunity to visit the organizations they are honoring this year, and their passion for giving back was evident in every visit. Through their dedication and hard work, the Junior Board is helping create a ripple effect of kindness and support in our community. Together, we truly can make a difference!



PASTORAL CARE



FAITH & GRIEF

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7 AT 12:00 NOON IN TIGHE HALL

Speaker: Marcia Tammeus - A Reflection - Three Losses due to Cancer
(father, sister and brother-in-law)

Cancer is not kind. Many of us have experienced loss due to this disease. The saving grace for me was being able to say goodbye with the hope of a peaceful death for each of them. I learned a lot from these experiences as my family did our best to walk alongside them. I returned to Vermont often to do just that, whenever possible.



Visit faithandgrief.org or scan the QR code to RSVP for a gathering and learn more about all our grief programs online and In-person.

Faith & Grief Roundtables Planned

All Roundtables are presented virtually. The link for the event will be sent to those who register. Watch the Faith & Grief website each month for further information. www.faithandgrief.org

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 Jenny Greene at 816-753-5155 x1309 at the parish office for assistance.

HelpOurMarriage.org

RETRouvaille
A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES
FOR A STRONGER MARRIAGE



DO YOU NEED MARRIAGE HELP? RETRouvaille IS DIFFERENT.

Retrouvaille Is Very Different Than Other Marriage Programs. Some spouses resist the idea of attending the program, out of concern that they will be required to expose their personal lives. None of this is true. In fact, the program is entirely unique, and most couples find that this is the very thing that worked when all else failed. We are told constantly that this is one of the best kept secrets in the world, and couples regularly comment that they wish they had done the program long before they did; That it would have saved them so much pain and anguish.

Upcoming
Kansas City
Weekend
May 16-18



800.470.2230

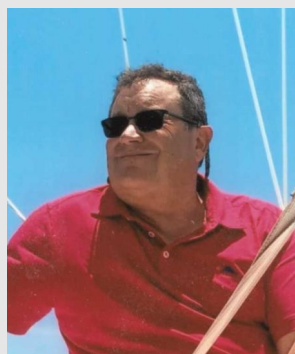
SOCIAL CONCERNS



KC MOTHERS IN CHARGE

Walking to support our friends at KC Mothers In Charge as they remember victims of crime and to kick off Crime Victims week! If you are interested in learning about how you can volunteer, contact Karen Miller at karen@visitation.org.

KNIGHTS OF COLOMBUS



Visitation Grand Knight, Bob Steinert was given a spotlight in the Knights of Columbus Magazine, The Mariner for his years of service to the community of La Chacra in El Salvador including clean water initiatives and his children's book, *La Chica de la Chacra*. The beautiful book



includes neighborhood graphics beautifully illustrated by fellow parishioner, Tina Blanck. For each book purchased, one is donated to the children in El Salvador. Congratulations on the well-deserved recognition, Bob!

MEDICAL DELEGATION

The next medical delegation to our sister parish in El Salvador is scheduled for October 4-11. If you are a medical provider and are interested in participating in this delegation, please reach out to Julie Aucar at jaaucar21@gmail.com or 217-552-2465. Even if you are retired or haven't been working, your skills could still be relevant to our sister parish clinic! Please call Julie for more details!

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). 2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911. 3. If the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee, or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, report the suspected abuse to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816.812.2500 or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org. The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact the Victim Advocate at 816.392.0011 or victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

You're invited to celebrate

HOLY WEEK

at Visitation

HOLY THURSDAY - APRIL 17

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 18

8:15 am Morning Prayer

12:00 Noon Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

HOLY SATURDAY - APRIL 19

8:15 am Morning Prayer

8:00 pm Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 20

8:00 am Easter Mass

10:30 am Easter Mass