

PALM SUNDAY
VISITATION PARISH
APRIL 2, 2023



TRIDUUM

WE *are invited to make it a priority to be
TOGETHER for the services on these holiest days of our church year.*

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 6

Liturgy of the Lord's Supper, 7:00 pm

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 7

Morning Prayer, 8:15 am

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, 12:00 Noon

Holy Land Collection

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 8

Morning Prayer, 8:15 am

Easter Vigil, 8:00 pm

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 9

Masses at 8:00 am & 10:30 am

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

HOLY WEEK AT VISITATION

MOTHERS OF YOUNG CHILDREN PRE-EASTER CELEBRATION

Join us **TODAY, Palm Sunday**, April 2 from 4:00-5:30 pm in Tighe Hall. We will enjoy snacks, crafts and an Easter Story followed by pictures with the Easter Bunny and an Easter Egg Hunt! All Vis MOYC families are welcome. There will be a hunt for toddlers (ages 1-3) first, followed by a big kid hunt!

THEATRE AT VIS

Theatre at Vis cancelled its full version of Stations this year, but will be singing through the music **TODAY, Palm Sunday at 5:00 pm in the church.** It is open to the public and any past cast member is encouraged to come sing with us.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Take an hour for quiet prayer on Wednesday, April 5 between 9:00 am- 1:00 pm in the St. Joseph Chapel.

HOLY THURSDAY FOOD COLLECTION

Please bring canned food for the St. Francis Xavier Food Pantry to Holy Thursday services.

HOLY LAND COLLECTION

Pope Francis has asked for our support of the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which assists Christians in the Holy Land. Your contributions are an act of solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land supporting Catholics there in parishes and schools, maintaining Christian shrines and caring for refugees in the Holy Land. An envelope for this purpose can be found in your packets.

OFFICE & SCHOOL HOURS

Visitation School will be closed on Holy Thursday, April 6. The parish office and school will be closed on Good Friday, April 7. The parish office and school will re-open on Tuesday, April 11.

PRAYING FOR OTHERS HELPS US STAY CONNECTED TO GOD AND TO ONE ANOTHER.

REMEMBER OUR SICK

John Anderson	Scott Martens
Pamela Atherton	Priscilla McInnes
Maggie Quirarte Bates	Tim McNamara
Marilyn Frechin Blank	Thomas McNamara
Leonardo Borders	Tricia Melland
Chase Brundridge	Birdie Mendence
Mike Caraway	Andy Metzler
Shari Caraway	Lionel Morgan
Marianne Carl	Dede Murphy
Beverly Cascone	Jennifer Olson
Mary Beth Cicchetti	Charles Oppenlander
Olivia Connealy	Nicholas Parscale
Jean Cummings	Nicola Pistone
Allie May Dudenhoeffer	Kat Potter
Bill Fuss	Peggy Pruitt
Shana Gadt	Ruth Quirarte
Brooke Kuechler Harris	Quinn Regan
Mike Henninger	Ellie Rose
Joe Irwin	The Ryan Family
William Jewell	The Saalberg Family
Erin Kallman	Fran Schuetz
Jaquie Kallman	Barbara Schulte
Shirley Kempker	Aimee Sesler
Marriane Kersten	Sandra Sharp
Kevin Koch	Bill Stone
Bryan Larson	Special Intention
Betsy Lazere	Jeannie Sullivan
Jeanne Lendabarker	Salvador Valldeperas, Sr.
Anthony Lipari, Sr.	Annabelle Whalen
Mary Lipari	Dave Wittrock
Jorge Maldonado	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.

FUNERAL MEAL TEAMS

On Deck: Team # 9

On Alert: Team # 1

MASS INTENTIONS FOR APRIL 4-APRIL 9

Tuesday, April 4

6:45 am Bill Sharp †

8:15 am Tricia Thompson †

Wednesday, April 5

6:45 am Fifi Wiedeman †

8:15 am Robert Stumpff †

Thursday, April 6

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 7

12:00 pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Saturday, April 8 – Easter Vigil

8:00 pm People of Visitation

Sunday, April 9

8:00 am Cathy McGee Schuerer †

10:30 am Will Motter †

BAPTISM

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS

Visitation offers a Baptism Preparation class for new parents six times a year. The next class will be **Saturday, April 29 from 9:00 am–11:00 am in the church narthex.** We will prayerfully walk through the Rite of Baptism and learn about its ancient and rich sacramental symbols.

- New parents are required to complete Baptism preparation prior to their child's baptism.
- All are welcome! Parents who want a "refresher," or godparents wishing to deepen their understanding of Baptism, are encouraged to attend the class.
- To learn more, contact Teresa Albright at 816-753-5155 x1306 or teresa@church.visitation.org

PARISH BOUNDARIES

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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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FAITH FORMATION

Season 5 of the Faith Formation Team's "Vis-on-Main" Podcast has dropped! Listen to episodes 1 and 2 now at www.visonmainkc.com/podcast.

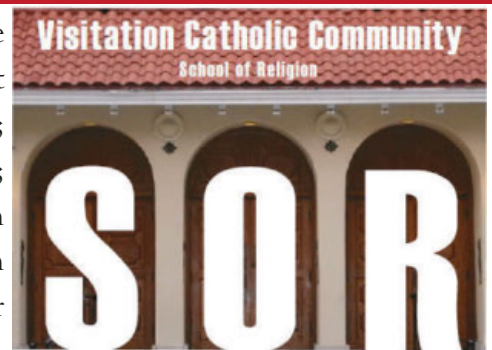


Episode 1: Host Lorraine Gordon speaks with siblings from the fabled Neenan household. Parishioners Kitty Steed, Abbot Benedict Neenan and Martha Franke talk about their experiences growing up in the parish and the impact of Benedictine life on their extended family.

Episode 2: Host Lorraine Gordon speaks with parishioners Teresa Albright, Annie Borders, Jenny Greene and Mary Kallman about their respective associations with the vowed Religious congregations of Notre Dame de Sion, Dominican Order, Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet and Sisters of Charity-Leavenworth.

SCHOOL OF RELIGION

S.O.R. Mission: School of Religion is a weekly program for the children of Visitation parish, their households and their neighbors 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; inspires them to see their gifts as God-given and to be used in service to their neighbors and society.



S.O.R. Vision: Support the Domestic Church / Make Disciples of Jesus / Inspire Servant Leadership / Reinforce a Catholic Identity

Spring Opportunities for the whole household!

- April 3 Family Dinner after class (Spaghetti & Meatballs)
- May 1 Easter Service Project (assembling Care Kits for the unhoused)
- May 15 Family Rosary w/ May Crowning & Family Dinner Pot-luck Picnic on the south lawn)

ABOUT TOWN



Join us for coffee! The Ladies of Charity invite you to join us at an informal coffee in the atrium at St. Peter's Church on Thursday, April 13 at 10:00 am. Founded by St. Vincent de Paul over 400 years ago, our women in the metro area serve in food pantries, thrift shops, nursing homes, community health centers, tutor in elementary and secondary schools and work with prisoners returning to the community. We meet 5 times a year for Mass, a luncheon and program and for retreats and social functions. Come join us for coffee and learn more. Please respond to LaNora Hughes at mlhughes656770@gmail.com by April 6 if you are planning to attend.

SOCIAL CONCERNS



A home is a basic human right.

VISITATION REFUGEE ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE

Next opportunity coming soon!

Pray for all refugees and especially those we will welcome as new Kansas City neighbors.



Thank you to all who generously provided household items, furniture and volunteered their time to welcome our first new neighbor last fall. Della Lamb reports that Zawadi is employed and doing well in his new home.

Visitation will again be partnering with Della Lamb to welcome a new neighbor/family in the coming months. We will be providing furniture and household items for their new apartment and additionally will help with transportation support for the three-month period after move-in.

Beginning in May, parishioners will be invited to use Sign-Up Genius to purchase items to furnish their new apartment, as well as volunteer to assist with cleaning and organizing the apartment, help on moving day, and providing transportation to appointments, etc. during the three months after they move in.

May he, who earned his bread by the work of his hands, watch over those who have seen everything taken away and obtain for them the dignity of a job and serenity of a home.
-Pope Francis

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES RICE BOWL MODERN DAY SIMON OF CYRENE

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. As we walk with Jesus this week, we remember the countless women, children and men who carry heavy crosses even today: crosses of hunger, of vulnerability to climate change, or of a lack of resources. How—like Simon of Cyrene—can you help to carry the crosses of our sisters and brothers in your local community and around the world? Visit crsricebowl.org/holy-week to learn more.



CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME

Does the idea of a Green Team at Visitation spark an interest for you? Would you like to connect with others to learn more about ecological justice and protecting our environment for future generations? Do you recycle? Do you compost? Do you want to learn and share more ways to help create a sustainable and hope-filled future? If so, please reach out to Larry Guillot, Visitation Social Concerns Committee at guillotlawrence@gmail.com or Karen Miller at karen@church.visitation.org.

SISTER PARISH

Another medical delegation is in the works! If you are a doctor, nurse, physical therapist or any other type of practitioner, you are needed! For more information, email or call Jeph or Cherie Burroughs Scanlon at caburroughs@hotmail.com, lilysdadkc@gmail.com, 816-786-5374 or 816-444-6346.

RACIAL JUSTICE



The Vis Racial Justice Committee invites you to make a contribution to support the Cristo Rey student intern program at Visitation School. Email Megan Burdolski (megan@church.visitation.org) to help support this good work.

Cristo Rey Interns Continue to Thrive

Nancy Hesse, the school faculty member who coordinates our Cristo Rey interns program, tells us that our four Cristo Rey interns are doing well. Teachers value the work of the interns, and the students look forward to the presence of the interns in the classroom. In a unique situation, one of the interns tutored a 7th Grader in math for a short time, and that seemed to

work well (even though the plan continues to be to have interns work with younger students—flexibility and exceptions can be good!) Julio (Sr.) and Ashley (Jr.) have been at Vis for two years; this is the first year for both Andrea (Fr.) and Carla (Soph.)

The Vis RJC hopes to again fund this program for the academic year 2023-2024. With \$11,000 in the bank, we have work to do to raise an additional \$19,000 to meet the \$30,000 required to maintain the presence of four interns in the school.

Here are comments from some of our Vis Faculty about the work of Cristo Rey interns:

- Ms. Hernandez comes in on Mondays from 10:00-10:55 am, and Ms. Ramirez comes in on Wednesdays from 10:00-10:55 am. They work with the students on reading comprehension and fluency. At times, I will have them work one-on-one with students in math. Both ladies are very personable, smile, laugh, and seem to engage well with the students
- Suzi Geha: 3rd grade Teacher
- Carla and Julio come into my classroom, and all the students and I love to have them! Routinely, they will help me with correcting and organizing student work. They will provide support to students who are struggling with attention or behavior during whole group lessons. Then, they usually check students' problem sets in math so that I can work with students who are struggling. Additionally, they help with tasks such as putting together materials for students or prepping lesson resources.
- Amy Morgan: 2nd grade Teacher
- Hola. For me the students are of great help. I like sharing with them in my afternoon classes, they help the children with the books and reinforce the student's work. I am very grateful for their assistance!
- Carolina Martinez: Spanish Teacher
- I find the students to be very helpful in the library. They follow through on tasks they are asked to do. The most helpful job they do is checking in and out books with the younger students. They also reshelf books. I love and appreciate having an extra set of hands.
- Heather Shinn: Librarian
- I have enjoyed and appreciated our interns this year from Cristo Rey. As a first-year teacher, getting my Master's degree and a mom of 3 young kids, work is constant and time is never enough. My interns helped me more than they know, even if it was just a smile on their face on some days.
- Corbie Ferns: 3rd grade Teacher

FINANCIAL

February Contribution Income exceeded budget by \$25,132, as parishioners faithfully fulfilled their outstanding 2022 pledges and new pledges for 2023. This surplus aligns with the financial patterns seen in previous years. This month's excess in contributions reduced the year-to-date shortfall in contribution income to \$35,615 or 1.1% of budget.

Other Income, which includes ministries, program fees, miscellaneous one-time donations, school tuition, registration fees and before/after care fees exceeded budget by \$1,689 in February.

Parish Expenses, however, were over budget by \$31,282, largely as a result of higher utilities and ice and snow removal costs incurred during the winter weather in February. This cost overrun offset the positive variance in Operating Income, leaving Parish Net Income under budget by only \$4,461 for the month.

The positive variance in February Contributions reduced the negative variance of year-to-date contribution income to \$35,615, while Other Income exceeded budget for the year-to-date by \$38,847. This further offset the negative variance in Contributions resulting in Total Parish Operating Income of \$3,231. Parish Operating Expenses for the year-to-date, however, exceeded budget by \$5,268, or 0.01%, driven primarily by a variety of unbudgeted facility and maintenance expenditures in both Church and School. Adding these expense overages to the contribution excess produced a negative variance in Parish Net Income of only \$2,036 for the year-to-date. Please note that Extraordinary Income, which includes Capital Improvement Fund donations, memorials, wills and bequests are not reflected in our normal operating results, but have generated a surplus of over \$333,258 so far this year which will offset the negative variance in Net Operating Income for the fiscal year.

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.

		Month of February 2023		
		Actual	Budget	Difference
Contribution Income	\$	337,420	\$ 312,288	\$ 25,132
Other Income	\$	12,918	\$ 11,228	\$ 1,689
Total Operating Income	\$	350,337	\$ 323,516	\$ 26,821
Operating Expense	\$	461,199	\$ 429,916	\$ (31,282)
Net	\$	(110,861)	\$ (106,400)	\$ (4,461)

	Fiscal YTD (July-February)				
	Actual		Budget		Difference
Contribution Income	\$	3,161,449	\$	3,197,064	\$ (35,615)
Other Income	\$	997,707	\$	958,860	\$ 38,847
Total Operating Income	\$	4,159,155	\$	4,155,924	\$ 3,231
Operating Expense	\$	3,524,724	\$	3,519,456	\$ (5,268)
Net	\$	634,432	\$	636,468	\$ (2,036)

	Fiscal YTD This	Fiscal YTD Last	
	Year	Year	Difference
Contribution Income	\$ 3,161,449	\$ 3,252,183	\$ (90,734)
Other Income	<u>\$ 997,707</u>	<u>\$ 870,552</u>	<u>\$ 127,155</u>
Total Operating Income	\$ 4,159,155	\$ 4,122,735	\$ 36,420
Operating Expense	<u>\$ 3,524,724</u>	<u>\$ 3,449,308</u>	<u>\$ (75,416)</u>
Net	\$ 634,432	\$ 673,427	\$ (38,996)

WOMEN OF VIS



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Wednesday, April 26

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Please make your reservation by Wednesday, April 12.

Use the QR code to register & pay online or bring the form and payment to the parish office.

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Participant Feedback from Lesson 2: "The Father Almighty" in January 2023

Something Reinforced for Me	Something New to Me	Something that Challenges Me
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God is providential and generative • Evil is the privation of good • "One God" = nothing else is of ultimate importance • Evil as the absence of good rather than as a co-equal or opposite force in the world. • God's Oneness = God is "everything" and "everywhere" and cannot be separated. • God permits evil to bring out a greater good. • Regarding unjust suffering, human vision is limited. • God is "beyond all names" • God's Providence extends to particulars. • The glory of God is a human being fully alive. • We can only imagine/speak of God analogously. • God is! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Freedom as a biblical concept = "disciplined desire. Modern concept of freedom = "self determination." • God permits evil and suffering for a greater, often invisible good. • God "sings" the universe into being • God is a "Person" because God has every creaturely perfection. • God as "Father" refers to God's role as the starter/creator, not a male gender. • Evil is the lack of the Good that <i>should</i> be there. • The idea of Evil being parasitic on the good. • God = the Center at which we are being created. • In God, existence and essence coincide. • Metaphor of God as "white light" refracted through the prism of time/creation and reflected back. • God awakens our freedom. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Essence and Existence coincide with God. • Belief in angels and fallen angels • Why is "father" synonymous with "creator?" • If God is "everything" how can God also not be present in evil/bad things? • The problem of evil and realities like the Holocaust • God has so much more than we can imagine. • If God is unchanging, why is the Old Testament God so different in the New Testament? • How to square free will with God's Providence.

COME LEARN WITH OTHERS AND JOIN THE DISCUSSION AT OUR NEXT SESSION.

APRIL 19, 2023

TIGHE HALL

6:00 p.m.—Simple Supper Served

6:30 p.m.—Program Begins



Lesson 3: "Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son"



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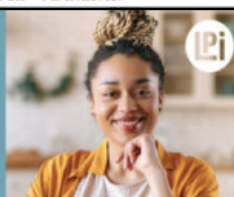
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Continuing the Conversation about **RACISM AND OUR FAITH**

Bishop James V. Johnston joins our April conversation to discuss the questions we composed in January and the future of diocesan-wide efforts to address racism. Participants will share one memory from our previous "Conversations" that moved them or made them think, and together we will look ahead as an Easter people committed to reconciliation and restoration. Please join us and invite a friend.

Thursday April 13, 2023

St. Monica Catholic Church * 1616 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64108

Doors Open at 6:30 p.m.

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