

VISITATION PARISH PENTECOST JUNE 5, 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

PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

The parish office will close at 1:00 pm on Fridays during the summer.

SAVE THE DATE

Continuing the Conversation about
Racism and Our Faith with St. Monica Parishioners
Thursday, June 23, 2022

Visitation Church, Tighe Hall

6:30 pm - Doors Open | 7:00 pm - Program Begins



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.

OUR SYMPATHY TO

Robert St. Peter, on the death of his mother,
Kayleene St. Peter.

WEDDINGS

The parish extends prayers and congratulations to Emily Strickland and Pieter Fossel on their wedding here on May 28.

REMEMBER OUR SICK

Suzanne Adams	Priscilla McInnes
Pamela Atherton	Tim MacNamara
Maggie Quirarte Bates	Thomas McNamara
Marilyn Frechin Blank	Tricia Melland
Dorothy Bock	Birdie Mendence
Leonardo Borders	Andy Metzler
Mary Ann Brown	Lionel Morgan
Mike Caraway	Maggie O'Neill
Shari Caraway	Jennifer Olson
Marianne Carl	Charles Oppenlander
Beverly Cascone	Nicholas Parscale
Joanne Comisky	Connie Perucca
Olivia Connealy	Nicola Pistone
Jimmy Connell	Kat Potter
Allie May Dudenhoefter	Peggy Pruitt
Shana Gadt	Ruth Quirarte
Susie Haake	Quinn Regan
Brooke Kuechler Harris	Carol Riesmeyer
Mike Henninger	Ellie Rose
Joe Irwin	The Ryan Family
William Jewell	The Saalberg Family
Lee Jones	Gary Schafer
Jaquie Kallman	Fran Schuetz
Peg Kallman	Barbara Schulte
Shirley Kempker	Aimee Sesler
Marriane Kersten	Sandra Sharp
John Langle	Special Intention
Bryan Larson	Jeannie Sullivan
Betsy Lazere	Salvador Valldeperas, Sr.
Jeanne Lendabarker	Annabelle Whalen
Anthony Lipari, Sr.	Dave Wittrock
Jorge Maldonado	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, 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

A LITTLE VISITATION

Hello Friends,

This weekend is Pentecost. When we did the Video Visitation earlier this day I meant to encourage you to wear red to Mass this weekend in honor of the Holy Spirit. The Producer, Megan Burdolski, even reminded me to do this, but I forgot just the same. I hope the crimson tide will be evident anyway because I think most all of us enjoy it. I remember my first Pentecost here when I noticed the room full of red. It lifted my spirits and bespoke an uncommon liturgical attention in our parish. I guess I had better blow the dust off my own red Mass vestments. They are worn of a weekend so seldom that even after 36 years they are sort of stiff and newish compared to their mates of the other liturgical colors.

Dr. Dave Ekerdt has very graciously accepted my invitation to speak about our Visitation Parish Synod process results this weekend. Dave is a longtime professional educator, so he knows how to present material in a cogent and even entertaining way that is not burdened by undue length. I think his message to us is important because it affords us a chance to listen to what each other is saying/thinking about the Church. The whole purpose of the Synod process, as discerned and announced by Pope Francis, is to get the Catholic Church listening and talking to itself, root and branches, not just episcopal conferences and the Vatican. Our Church is so unaccustomed to effectively speaking and listening to itself that the prospect of trying to do it mystifies a good number of us. In too many respects, we have grown to thinking of “Church” as “it” rather than “us.” We habitually think of the Church as an organism that exists independently of us, not so unlike Microsoft or McDonalds. In fact, the Church is you and me. We belong to the Catholic Church and the Catholic Church belongs to us. Indeed, it is not a democracy. How could anything so large and far-flung effectively be a functioning democracy? But its polity needs to be flattened some, and rearticulated, in order to breathe new relevance and devotion into our holy Christian life. I think there are enough signs to conclude that Pope Benedict XVI understood this. Pope Francis certainly understands it. Hence the Synod process. Hence Dave’s important report to us today. And, of course, I realize that the Synod process is a small step on a long road. But one has to begin someplace. One must crawl before he walks, and walk before she runs.

I has been a very interesting couple of years around here. Like nearly every parish, we have been forced to dance whole new numbers in response to the pandemic. The pandemic has been a challenge, no matter how one chooses to assess it, but it has also been a sort of backhanded blessing because it has focused and forwarded some of the consequential movements confronting the Christian community. Mass attendance, school enrollment, the character of our work, and relative emotional stability have variously been effected by the tides of contemporary society, compressed through the complications of COVID. In the name of prudence and duty, we have to respond to these things. Accordingly, my mind is fairly swimming with thoughts that need a good bit more mental distillation before I share them with you. For now, I only want to acknowledge that we live in a time of accelerated change in the world, and even in the Church. I do not believe anyone can say how it will turn out except that it will be surprising to everyone in some ways. And, that it will take a lot of time for us to better align our ethics with our technology and our venerable, durable faith with the rapidly evolving exigencies of modern life. Yet Christian faith and contemporary society have reached very sophisticated accommodations before, in the Fourth Century, and in the Thirteenth Century, for instance. It believe it will happen again. The Gospel is too eloquent and fits the human condition too beautifully for it not to happen.

In our Holy Communion,
Msgr. Bradley



**MASS INTENTIONS FOR
JUNE 7-12**

Tuesday, June 7
6:45 am Margaret Crowe †
8:15 am John Beckers †

Wednesday, June 8
6:45 am Marguerite Harris †
8:15 am Dick Muraski †

Thursday, June 9
6:45 am John Owen †

Friday, June 10
8:15 am Mike Frechin †

Saturday, June 11
8:15am Paul Mascari †
4:00 pm People of Visitation

Sunday, June 12
8:00 am Sharon Smart †
10:30 am David Offutt †

LITURGICAL MINISTERS JUNE 11-12

	4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Altar Servers	J. Harris N. Evett NOT FILLED	D. Colombo NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	I. Janes J. Harkness D. Britt
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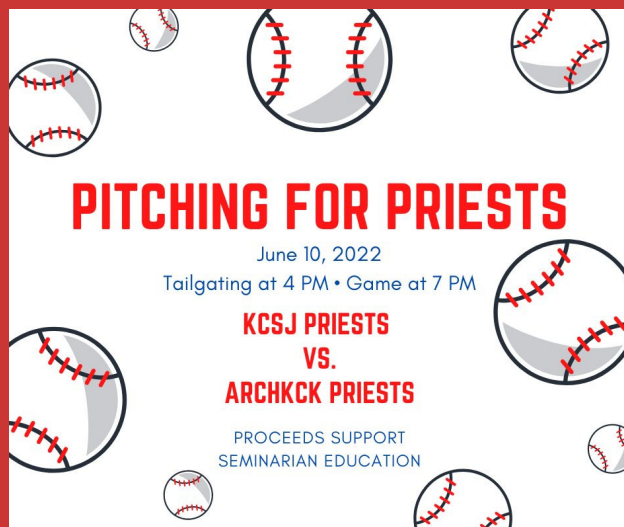
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**8th Annual Pitching for Priests
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DIocese of Kansas City - St. Joseph, Feast of Corpus Christi

Bishop Johnston will celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi with Mass and Eucharistic procession in Kansas City this year. All are welcome to attend 11:00 am Mass on June 19 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish (3934 Washington St., Kansas City, MO) with procession afterwards to Guardian Angels Parish (1310 Westport Road, Kansas City, MO). This celebration will constitute the opening of the National Eucharistic Revival in our diocese.



The ministry of being a friend
“The friend who can be silent with us
in a moment of despair or confusion,
who can stay with us
in an hour of grief and bereavement,
who can tolerate
not knowing, not curing, not healing,
and face with us
the reality of our powerlessness,
that is the friend who cares.”

Henri Nouwen

Out of Solitude

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Nonjudgmental presence. BeFrienders understand the importance of hearing another’s story from that person’s perspective. Openness and respect allow them to respond with empathy and without judgment.

Active listening. There is a healing power in being able to tell one’s story. BeFrienders know the value of active listening skills, which are a critical component of training

If you are interested in registering for BeFriender Ministry training, would like to become a Befriender, or would like to recommend a person for BeFriender Ministry training, contact Chris Sanders at chris@church.visitation.org or 753-5155 x1309. Please register by June 15, training begins June 20 and concludes on June 24.

SOCIAL CONCERNS



COMMUNITY GARDEN – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our gardeners will plant tomatoes and sweet peppers this weekend and will begin to harvest greens very soon. Your help is needed! 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.

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 email karen@church.visitation.org or call Karen Miller at 381-6914. Team leaders and volunteers will be needed to pursue this opportunity

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.

HOPE FAITH MINISTRIES is reopening the sewing center and is looking for a volunteer to assist in teaching and guiding sewing projects. The time is Thursday morning from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Please contact Bill Staggs if interested at 304-3264 or willstaggs48@gmail.com.

NEW VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

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>.

RACIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

YOUTH FOR CHANGE



Students from Visitation and St. Monica's Parish gathered on Sunday, May 22 for the first Youth for Change social event. The gathering was held at Visitation and the kids enjoyed playing kickball, playing Pictionary and sharing refreshments.

The group will continue to meet as they work on their combined service project and look for more opportunities to spend time together. If your junior high or high school student is interested in getting involved, please be on the lookout in the bulletin for future events, or email Linda Hughes at lchteach20@gmail.com.

ABOUT TOWN



PURSES WITH A PURPOSE

The FIRE Foundation is pleased to present the 11th Annual Purses with a Purpose on Thursday, June 16 at the iconic Hotel Kansas City. Picture yourself on a lovely summer evening enjoying panoramic views of our town from the top of the iconic Hotel Kansas City. As a guest at this festive fundraiser for women, you'll be surrounded by a beautifully curated collection of purses, totes, jewelry, unique packages and more. As you bid on your favorites, you'll enjoy bubbles and bites and chat with fabulous friends. The evening culminates with a spirited live auction featuring designer handbags that are sure to sweep you off your feet. Register here: <https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=fire&id=60>.

PARISH BOUNDARIES

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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Diocese of Kansas City St. Joseph
Ombudsman, Joe Crayon 812-2500
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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.

RESPECT LIFE

ROBB SCHOOL SHOOTING

As a Catholic community of faith, we mourn the terrible loss of life that occurred in the massacre of schoolchildren at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas, on May 24, killing 21 people. Fear and anger fill many of our hearts—but that need not be our only responses. Action rooted in prayer and grounded in love can be our response as well.

Pope Francis invites us to work hard to avoid such tragedies as he spoke at the end of his general audience in St. Peter's Square on May 25. He said:

“My heart is broken for the massacre at the elementary school in Texas. I am praying for the children and the adults killed and their families. It is time to say enough to the indiscriminate trafficking of weapons. Let us all work hard so that such tragedies can never happen again.”

In the past, the American Bishops have written that the Church has been a consistent voice for the promotion of peace, and a strong advocate for the reasonable regulation of firearms. For many years, the USCCB has supported a number of reasonable measures to address the problem of gun violence. These include:

- A total ban on assault weapons, which the USCCB supported when the ban passed in 1994 and when Congress failed to renew it in 2004.
- Measures that control the sale and use of firearms, such as universal background checks for all gun purchases;
- Limitations on civilian access to high-capacity weapons and ammunition magazines, including banning all “bump stocks”;
- A federal law to criminalize gun trafficking;
- Improved access to and increased resources for mental health care and earlier interventions;
- Regulations and limitations on the purchasing of handguns including setting a more appropriate minimum age for gun ownership;
- Measures that make guns safer, such as locks that prevent children and anyone other than the owner from using the gun without permission and supervision;
- An honest assessment of the toll of violent images and experiences which inundate people, particularly our youth.
- Urging Catholics and all people of good will to contact Senators and Representatives to support legislative measures that uphold safety of all persons in our communities.

More information at: <https://www.usccb.org/resources/backgrounder-gun-violence-mercy-and-peacebuilding-approach-gun-violence>

In prayer and in action—we are invited to do what each of us can—every prayer, every action, every voice does matter.

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