

VISITATION PARISH SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING NOVEMBER 20, 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

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

Visitation Parish 5141 Main Street, Kansas City, MO 64112
Parish Office (816) 753-7422 www.visitation.org

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING MASS

Please join us for Thanksgiving Mass on Thursday, November 24 at 9:00 am.

PEACE TREE TAGS

Please take a tag for our annual Advent ministry, the Peace Tree. Each tag lists a gift suggestion for one of the agencies we support. Your generosity helps these organizations provide much needed assistance to the clients they serve.

NEW: VISITATION VOCATIONS COMMITTEE

Are you interested in supporting vocations to the priesthood and religious life in our parish and Diocese? Visitation has a new initiative for that! Once a quarter, we are going to celebrate our religious vocations, and we would love for YOU to join us! Please contact Claudia Greim, Kevin Connor or Gary Smith if you are interested, and look for upcoming announcements listing specific opportunities to participate!

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY DECEMBER 10 WORK DATE

Visitation parishioners have an opportunity to volunteer for Habitat on a project in the Wendell Phillips neighborhood! All volunteers must be at least 16 years old. If you are able to be part of this team, please contact Karen Miller at karen@church.visitation.org. 8 spots are available.

VISITATION AUCTION

To the world's best community: thank you!



Over \$456,600 raised
FOR THE 2022 VISITATION SCHOOL AUCTION!



WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

WEDDINGS

The parish extends prayers and congratulations to Mary Franke and Colin Nelson on their wedding at Visitation on November 12.

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW PARISHIONERS

- Stephanie & Micah Deason & son, Dylan
- Beth & Ryan Lowry & children, Maeve & Whit

REMEMBER OUR SICK

Mary Beth Cicchetti
 Pamela Atherton
 Maggie Quirarte Bates
 Marilyn Frechin Blank
 Leonardo Borders
 Bernice Campbell
 Mike Caraway
 Shari Caraway
 Marianne Carl
 Beverly Cascone
 Olivia Connealy
 Jean Cummings
 Allie May Dudenhoeffer
 Bill Fuss
 Shana Gadt
 Brooke Kuechler Harris
 Darlene Henninger
 Mike Henninger
 Bill Hodes
 Joe Irwin
 William Jewell
 Lee Jones
 Jaquie Kallman
 Peg Kallman
 Shirley Kempker
 Marriane Kersten
 Kevin Koch
 John Langle
 Bryan Larson
 Betsy Lazere
 Jeanne Lendabarker
 Anthony Lipari, Sr.

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 Jorge Maldonado
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 Thomas McNamara
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 Nicholas Parscale
 Nicola Pistone
 Kat Potter
 Peggy Pruitt
 Ruth Quirarte
 Quinn Regan
 Theresia Ritchie
 Ellie Rose
 The Ryan Family
 The Saalberg Family
 Fran Schuetz
 Barbara Schulte
 Marialice Searcy
 Aimee Sesler
 Sandra Sharp
 Special Intention
 Jeannie Sullivan
 Salvador Valldeperas, Sr.
 Annabelle Whalen
 Dave Wittrock
 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 9
On Alert: Team 12

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR
NOVEMBER 22-27**

Tuesday, November 22
6:45 am Mae Brosman †
8:15 am Stephen Syrett †

Wednesday, November 23
6:45 am Martha Beckers †
8:15 am Jim Lynch †

Thursday, November 24
9:00 am Kathy Koslowsky †

Friday, November 25
8:15 am Will Motter †

Saturday, November 26
8:15am Marguerite Harris †
4:00 pm Dorothy Ahlman †

Sunday, November 27
8:00 am For the People of Visitation
10:30 am Bobbi Diaz †

LITURGICAL MINISTERS NOVEMBER 26-27

	4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
ALTAR SERVERS	R. Spadafore N. Bond sub req N. Clarkson	C. Schilling W. Lueke A. Graziano	D. Hodes L. Connell G. Gunter
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SACRISTAN	J. Rebman	J. Palmer	S. McCray

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
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

PARISH COUNCIL 2022-23

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Whitney True-Francis 816-392-0011

STEWARDSHIP

2023 ANNUAL APPEAL

“Church is not an organization you join; it is a family where you belong, a home where you are loved and a hospital where you find healing.” – Nicky Gumbel

For 114 years, Visitation Church has been a home to generations of Catholics who have lived life together as one family of God – celebrating, educating, serving and growing together. It is the responsibility of each of us, as members of the Visitation family, to do our part to keep this community strong by sharing our gifts in whatever ways we are able.

We hope you have found time to read the 2021-2022 Annual Report that was sent a couple of weeks ago. It provided a detailed financial accounting of your gifts to the parish over the past year as well as statistics and anecdotes about our parish’s accomplishments.

This week, you should have received a letter from Msgr. Offutt asking for your continued financial support in 2023. Enclosed with the letter is your 2023 pledge form. We invite you to prayerfully consider what you are able to give in calendar year 2023 and either set up your pledge online or return your pledge card in the envelope provided. If you have any questions about the annual appeal, please contact Megan Burdolski at 816-753-5155 x1305 or megan@church.visitation.org.

GIVING AT VISITATION

As we near the end of the calendar year, we would be grateful if all 2022 pledges were fulfilled by year end. For those of you who are uncertain of your remaining pledge balance, feel free to contact Megan Burdolski to check. If you did not make a pledge but consistently give a year-end gift, we value your past support and appreciate any contribution you make this year. Please allow adequate mail or processing time depending on your type of transaction to enable us to credit the donation by December 31, 2022 for possible tax-deduction purposes. There are numerous ways to contribute:

- Drop an offertory envelope in the collection at Mass.
- Mail a check to the parish office.
- Call us to set-up a one-time or regular, automated gift using your bank account or credit/debit card.
- Send your contribution via the online banking offered by your bank.
- Use the online giving tab on our parish website for a one-time gift: www.visitation.org.
- Donate appreciated assets.
- Make a charitable distribution from your IRA.

Please keep in mind that we distribute offertory envelopes based on your giving preferences. For those who use them, we send bi-monthly packets with envelopes for all Sundays, special collections and our Visitation Capital Improvement Fund. For those who utilize our automated giving options for tithing but would also like to support other purposes, we send a quarterly packet of envelopes containing only special collections and our Capital Improvement Fund. We can also change your preference to none if you never use the envelopes. Please notate your preference on your pledge form or contact the parish office to make a change. If you have any questions regarding your pledge balance or how to initiate an automated withdrawal, gift of stock or any other type of transaction, please contact Megan Burdolski, Director of Stewardship, at 816-753-5155 x1305 or megan@church.visitation.org.



BAPTISM

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS



Visitation offers a Baptism Preparation class for new parents six times a year. The next class will be **Saturday, December 17 from 9:00 – 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.

RCIA

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Rite of Welcome & Acceptance – December 4 – 8:00 am Mass

With the Rite of Acceptance and Welcome, our parish embraces three adults into our community as catechumens and candidates seeking full initiation into the Catholic church. **Please pray for Dylan, R.J. and Sangwon!**



The next “Open R.C.I.A.” session is **December 6** from 6:00 – 8:00 pm in the Faith Formation Room. Please join us, invite a friend and spread the word. All seekers and learners are welcome!

Topic: Order of the Mass, Part 1

Speakers: Peg and Dave Ekerdt

SCHOOL OF RELIGION



ADVENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WHOLE HOUSEHOLD!

December 5 – An Advent Story for Little Ones

Maureen Noonan – parishioner, storyteller and retired Kindergarten teacher – will share an engaging story about Advent with our littlest ones. All Pre-K – 1st graders are welcome in the Narthex after opening prayer.

December 12 – Sacrament of Penance for Adults and Older Children

Prepare for Jesus' coming at Christmas by celebrating God's enduring mercy through the Sacrament of Penance. Fr. Charles Rowe will be with us to hear confessions from any SOR adult or older child in need of mercy and forgiveness.

December 19 – Christmas Caroling with Visitation Choir members

We'll gather in the church for some singing lessons from Alejandro Manso, Liturgy and Music Director. Then we'll go out and use our voices to spread the joy of Christmas to our neighbors.

RACIAL JUSTICE



VENERABLE HENRIETTE DELILLE

Not long after Mother Mary Lange and her companions started the first order of Black Catholic religious women (Oblate Sisters of Providence) in Baltimore, a second order of Black Catholic religious women was in process of formation in New Orleans. The second was under different circumstances but with a similar set of obstacles.

The driving force in this second instance was Henriette Delille, a fourth-generation descendant of slaves. She was “a woman of color,” whose father was a white European and whose mother was Black. She was born of a union of concubinage called “placage” where wealthy white European men entered relationships with free Black women to circumvent laws against interracial marriage. Henriette herself lived the early part of her life as a mistress in this social system known as placage. It is

thought that before she was 20, Henriette lost two children in childbirth.

In her early 20's, Henriette turned her life in an altogether different direction. She received the sacrament of Confirmation and dedicated her life to God. Her prayer, written at that time became her life motto: “I believe in God. I hope in God. I love. I want to live and die for God.”

Feeling a call to a dedicated religious life, she applied to two religious women's communities - the Ursulines and the Carmelites. She was rejected by both. Church leaders thought it inappropriate for white and Black women to live together in religious life.

Not to be deterred from becoming a member of a religious community, Delille engaged two of her friends, Juliette Gaudin and Josephine Charles, to join her in a mission of nursing the sick, caring for the poor and providing instruction to those who had little to no education. Their service grew to include a special sacramental ministry by serving as godmothers to many - slaves and free, children and adults. Church records show that they were also the witnesses to many marriages.

In 1836, Delille drew up a set of rules for an order of religious women with the title Society of the Holy Family. Although she encountered much skepticism that Black women could form such a community, the archbishop of New Orleans, and particularly the archdiocesan vicar general, Fr. Etienne Rousselon, supported their cause. When approved finally by Rome in 1842, the name of the order was changed to Sisters of the Holy Family.

Using some money from an inheritance, Delille raised the funds to buy a house in order to care for aged women. That home was America's first Catholic home for the aged. In addition, these sisters heroically cared for the sick and the dying during the yellow fever epidemics that struck New Orleans in 1853 and 1897.

Henriette Delille's own health was not strong. She was attacked by pleurisy about the same time as Union troops stormed and captured New Orleans (April 1862). Henriette Delille died November 17, 1862. She was 52. Part of her obituary was testament to her good life: “. . . (Henriette) devoted herself untiringly for many years, without reserve, to the religious instruction of the people of New Orleans, principally of slaves. . . . for the love of Jesus Christ she had become the humble and devout servant of the slaves.” The Archdiocese of New Orleans petitioned Rome to open the cause for her canonization in 1988. The process is at the third step; her title, Venerable. For more information, see <https://www.henriette-delille.com> or <https://www.sistersoftheholysfamily.com>



FAITH FORMATION

ANNUAL ADVENT WREATH MAKING EVENT

November 27, 2022 | Tighe Hall | 9:00 am – Noon

Enjoy fellowship, donuts, coffee, juice, and seasonal music while assembling an Advent Wreath for your household.

\$10.00 (BYOR = bring your own ring)

Gets you 4 taper candles, florist wire, ribbons and fresh evergreen fir tips.

Add an 8" metal wreath ring for only \$5.00 more. (while supplies last)

Help support the Faith Formation Team's ministry in 2023!

For \$50 the Faith Formation team will pre-package your premium Advent Wreath kit and you will receive a Visitation tote bag filled with resources for the new liturgical year!

Learn more about us at www.visionmainkc.com.



Included in the premium kit...

- 2023 Scripture resource *At Home with the Word*
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SCHOOL

DINING OUT DAY MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21

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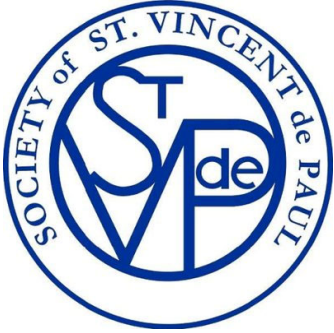
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GOLDEN SHAMROCKS

🍀 Golden Shamrocks 🍀 St. Nicholas Luncheon

**Tuesday, December 6
12:00 Noon Tighe Hall**

***Soup and salad luncheon - vegan/
gluten-free options available.
Bring a wrapped white elephant gift
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you'd like. No gift required to play.***



RSVP to the Parish Office at 816-753-7422.

SCHOOL

October Contribution Income fell short of budget by \$25,425, or 9.5%, as a result of timing differences in the giving patterns of parishioners. This shortfall aligns with the financial pattern we have seen for the past couple of years. On a positive note, October contributions represent the best month so far this fiscal year. We are hopeful that our parishioners will show their heartfelt generosity and fulfill their 2022 pledges by the end of December in order to bring our Contribution Income for the year to date into alignment with our budget in the next few months.

Other Income, which includes Ministries, Program Fees, Miscellaneous one-time Donations, School Tuition, Registration Fees and Before/After Care Fees exceeded budget by \$10,673 in October, bringing our Total Operating Monthly income to a deficit of \$14,752 or 5.3%.

Parish expenses in October were over budget by 8.7% or \$36,171, bringing our Parish Net Income to a deficit of \$50,923 for the month.

Year to Date Income shows a deficit of \$147,858. Operating Expenses remain under budget by \$53,411 creating a Deficit in our YTD Parish Net Income of 44.6% or 94,447. Compared to the prior fiscal year to date, Parish Net Income for 2022/2023 surpassed last year's results by \$4,144.

Month of October 2022

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Contribution Income	\$ 242,406	\$ 267,831	\$ (25,425)
Other Income	\$ 23,702	\$ 13,028	\$ 10,673
Total Operating Income	\$ 266,107	\$ 280,859	\$ (14,752)
Operating Expense	\$ 450,605	\$ 414,435	\$ (36,171)
Net	\$ (184,498)	\$ (133,575)	\$ (50,923)

Fiscal YTD (July-October)

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Contribution Income	\$ 900,590	\$ 1,075,023	\$ (174,433)
Other Income	\$ 893,735	\$ 867,160	\$ 26,575
Total Operating Income	\$ 1,794,325	\$ 1,942,183	\$ (147,858)
Operating Expense	\$ 1,677,045	\$ 1,730,457	\$ 53,411
Net	\$ 117,280	\$ 211,726	\$ (94,447)

Fiscal YTD This Year Fiscal YTD Last Year

	Fiscal YTD This Year	Fiscal YTD Last Year	Difference
Contribution Income	\$ 900,590	\$ 1,049,872	\$ (149,283)
Other Income	\$ 893,735	\$ 749,988	\$ 143,747
Total Operating Income	\$ 1,794,325	\$ 1,799,861	\$ (5,536)
Operating Expense	\$ 1,677,045	\$ 1,686,725	\$ 9,680
Net	\$ 117,280	\$ 113,135	\$ 4,144

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



FRONT PORCH COAT DRIVE

Our Visitation Knights' Annual Front Porch Coat Drive is underway. Drop off your donations of coats, gloves, hats, blankets and other winter items in the large boxes on the front porches of the Vasquez (5415 Baltimore), Steinert (5818 Central) and Fedinets (433 W. 69th St.) homes through January 7. Please clean out your basements, closets and kids' rooms to show the generosity for which Visitation is always known.

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.



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