

VISITATION PARISH

SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL

JUNE 29, 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.

M A S S E S

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



WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Join us for Mass at 9:00 am on Friday, July 4. The parish office will be closed. We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday!

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW PARISHIONERS

- Frank & Jessica Smith & children Molly, Clara & June
- Mackenzie Dreher & Joe Ptasinski
- Rob Foree & Katie Binfet
- Ansley Reynolds & Scott Wilson
- Dana Hlobik & children, Isabelle, Stephen, Madeline, Eleanor & Peter



MADRE SPONSORSHIPS

Don't forget! If you currently sponsor a child and plan to pay bi-annually, your first installment is due July 31! If you have any questions, please contact Karen Miller at karen@visitation.org.



SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Summertime is here and life abounds! If you are looking for a little more life in your relationships, consider counseling. Fr. Garry Richmeier is a Licensed Professional Marriage and Family Therapist, providing marital, family and individual counseling, as well as Spiritual Direction. He has offices in Liberty and in midtown KC, and accepts donations in lieu of set fees. For more information or to schedule an initial visit, contact Fr. Garry at 816-415-2998 (no text) or garrycpops@gmail.com.

OUR SYMPATHY

Our parish mourns the loss of our parishioner, Michael Gettino.

ROSARY FOR THE SICK

The rosary for the sick will continue to be held on Wednesdays in the St. Joseph Chapel at 5:30 pm.

ADORATION

All are welcome to participate in adoration which is offered every Wednesday in the St. Joseph Chapel from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm.

REMEMBER OUR SICK

Earl Adam	Scott Martens
Pamela Atherton	Joe McLiney
Bill Blanck, Sr.	Thom McNamara
Marianne Carl	Tricia Melland
Kay Dierks	Jen O'Neill
Whit Emanuels	Peggy Pruitt
Susan Erwin	Laine Riehle
Bill Fuss	Ellie Rose
Brooke Kuechler Harris	Kathy Scaglia
Kristin Heyer	Gary Schafer
Megan Hoefer	Barbara Schulte
Margaret Howard	Aimee Sesler
Joe Irwin	Sandra Sharp
William Jewell	Kathy Sims
Bryan Larson	Danny Smith
Jeanne Lendabarker	Special Intention
Jake Lynch	Salvador Valldeperas, Sr.
Jolene Lynn	Dave Wittrock
Bob Lystad	

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 # 6

On Alert: Team # 7

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners,

Our Shared VISION Campaign officially kicked off last weekend! With the strong foundation of early donors, and now the generosity of all of us, this campaign has the potential to transform Visitation School and Parish, and assure the strength of our neighborhood, for decades to come. It is an ambitious vision, and one that brings much-needed transformation to our school, inside and out. Given the importance of Visitation School to the mission of our parish, I trust that our response as a community to the call of this Shared VISION will be enthusiastic and generous. So many of you have already pledged. If you have yet to join their number, please consider a pledge or one-time gift to add your prayerful and sacrificial support to the future of Visitation School! To all who have already pledged, thank you!



My trip to Ireland was delightful. It is such a beautiful and enchanting place, from the countryside to the towns and cities to the coastline. But the people I met along the way made the trip extra special. The gracious welcome, the wisdom and insight, the humor, warmth and stories all stay with me as a tremendous gift. I'm grateful to have taken the journey and look forward to returning there someday.

I hope your summer work, rest and travels are blessed!

Peace,

Fr. Greg

VISITATION APPRECIATION

Dear Visitation,

Thank you for your recent donations - one in support of our Troost location and the other our Truman Road location.

Bishop Sullivan Center
FOOD JOBS AID

I am often amazed at the large impact our staff can achieve in the life of another person or family by simply listening and asking the right questions. More often than not, the solution is often a sandwich, a hotel stay or a bed.

Thanks to you, the following families were made whole recently through your generosity:

Tonya, a single mother of two, was referred to us by St. Luke's. Tonya was undergoing chemo and unable to work during therapy. Behind on their bills, the family was evicted and living in their car. We were able to pay for a hotel room for a few weeks and then work out a payment plan with Tonya's landlord so the family had a roof over their heads. Tonya and her kids are now back in their home and Tonya is beginning to recover.

Matt has been working with our Employment program, submitting resumes and interviewing for a new position. To save money while he is looking for work, he stops by One City Café for lunch most weekdays. He told our staff how grateful he is for the sandwiches.

Sarah is an 18 year-old whose only parent passed away last year. Sarah was able to afford an apartment for herself and her four younger siblings, but needed beds. We were able to pay a minimal fee to Flourish Furnishings, a partner agency, to provide beds for the entire family.

Thank you for making a difference to these local families. I appreciate your generosity.

With Gratitude,

Michelle Carlstedt
Director

MASS INTENTIONS JULY 1-6

Tuesday, July 1

6:45 am Michael Messina †

8:15 am Sandra Tratar †

Wednesday, July 2

6:45 am Jean Marie Bessenbacher †

8:15 am Ken Tratar

Thursday, July 3

6:45 am Mae Brown †

Friday, July 4 – Independence Day

9:00 am Our Country

Saturday, July 5

8:15am Tony Quirarte Sr †

4:00 pm People of Visitation

Sunday, July 6

8:00 am Robbie Legg †

10:30 am The Protection of
the Unborn

ALTAR SERVERS

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LECTORS

SACR. USHERS

MINISTRY SCHEDULE –JULY 5-6

4:00 PM

8:00 AM

10:30 AM

V. Hudgens E. Hudgens E. Taylor	D. Kobler C. McCoy sub req. C. Bock	C. Carney K. Westervelt J. Hanks
C. Brain Keith Connor T. Cotton J. Crowe L. Gromowsky K. Hughes M. Innes sub req. M. Kirwan D. Pucci M. Rice J. Waldrup	P. Clarke A. Coppage J. Dickmeyer J. Grego A. Leimora F. Lester J. McGee sub req. C. Schorgl H. Shinn K. Strauss M. J. Thompson	B. Adams A. Bergner M. Florez E. Florez C. Fryer T. McCray L. McLiney sub req. G. O'Brien J. Olivas A. Smith K. Van Asdale
D. Brain L. Keens	S. Miller T. Fanning	J. Anderson
A. Holewinski Mark Thompson D. Winningham	T. Colburn M. Vrabac NOT FILLED	R. Lang J. Swafford NOT FILLED
B. Truta	B. Truta	J. Palmer

PARISH BOUNDARIES

State Line on the West to Oak St. on the East;
47th Street on the North to Meyer Blvd on the
South

PARISH OFFICE, Monday-Friday: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

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Priest in Residence, Fr. Charles Rowe

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

Bill Donath

Melissa Lising

Jim Erlacker

Steve O'Neill

Mary Gigliotti

Katie Wendel

Fr. Greg Haskamp

Kathleen Wiedeman

Megan Burdolski, Staff

School Office

5134 Baltimore, Kansas City, MO 64112

Phone 816-531-6200Fax 816-531-8045

Principal, Dr. Melissa Wagner x3140

Secretary, Bridget Winget x3136

St. Vincent De Paul Help Line

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

ST. KATHARINE DREXEL, ST. MONICA PARISH AND A CONNECTION TO VISITATION PARISH

(This history was published in a recent issue of the Diocese's weekly communication, The Monday Minute. We have added the connection to Visitation.)

In the early 1900s, Bishop John J. Hogan recognized the challenges faced by Black Catholics in Kansas City, who endured poverty, discrimination, and limited access to religious services. To address this, he enlisted Fr. Cyprian Sauer to gather the community and establish a mission.

Despite skepticism from many white Catholics, Bernard Corrigan contributed \$1,000 to support the effort. Ruthe Lange helped Fr. Cyprian identify 35 Black Catholics, and in 1910, they began gathering for Mass in a schoolroom provided by the Sisters of St. Joseph. However, opposition from a local pastor forced them to stop meeting.

Determined to continue, Fr. Cyprian sought financial support from Mother Katharine Drexel, a philanthropist devoted to serving marginalized communities. After months of waiting and praying to St. Monica of Africa, he received a response. Mother Drexel visited Kansas City, selected a site at 17th and Lydia, and donated \$8,000 to establish a church and school for Black Catholics.

On October 2, 1910, the mission was formally opened as St. Monica Mission for Colored Catholics. By 1913, with additional support - including another \$3,000 from Mother Drexel - a new church and school were built, free of debt.

Over the decades, St. Monica Mission grew and eventually merged with St. Joseph Parish and Risen Christ Catholic Church in 1995, forming what is today known as St. Monica Catholic Church.

Mother Katharine Drexel's generosity played a pivotal role in ensuring that Black Catholics in Kansas City had a place of worship and education, overcoming widespread discrimination and offering them a firm foundation in faith.

When Visitation Church was renovated in 2002-04, the pastor, Fr. Norm Rotert, was intentional about the images selected for the St. Joseph (daily Mass) chapel. Every image on the reredos (the screen behind the altar) and every santos (statue) for the niches had a connection to the parish, the neighborhood or the city. Fr. Rotert made it clear that included St. Katherine Drexel, whose image sits in the southeast niche, because of her generous and influential work with the Kansas City Black Catholic community



PASTORAL CARE

PASTORAL CARE OPPORTUNITIES TO VOLUNTEER

We are looking for people who are interested in the care of our parishioners who may be homebound, in the hospital, need a phone call or a card. Please prayerfully consider joining any of these ministries that reflect your gifts.

Ministries in pastoral care include: **Funeral Meal Teams** - helping provide food or serving assistance for a funeral. **Helping Hands** - providing a meal for a family in need. **Seasons of Joy** - It's in the name! We celebrate Christmas and Easter by providing baskets to our older, homebound or vulnerable parishioners. **Prayer Shawls** - Using your skills as someone who knits or crochets to craft beautiful shawls or lap blankets as comfort for a parishioner during challenging times.

Contact Jenny Greene at jennifer@visitation.org for further information or to join one of these teams.

REFUGEE ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE

The Visitation Refugee Assistance Committee is continuing to assist our two refugee families as they get their large families established in Kansas City. Our current focuses include assisting both families with applying for Green Cards, providing transportation to medical appointments and English classes and advising them with any and all unexpected challenges that come up, especially in these uncertain times. A recent addition to our family of refugees is a single Congolese mom, named Asende. She and her children arrived in the US a few years ago, and originally settled in Michigan, but moved to Kansas City in late 2024 for a job opportunity. On June 1, she and her five children, ages 4-14, moved into a two bedroom apartment just east of downtown - and they are so happy to have a place of their own. We would love to help her furnish the apartment, so we are asking our generous community for help once again. If you happen to have the following items, let us know (or cash donations are also welcome):

- Small-scale living room furniture (a small couch and/or chairs)
- A TV & stand/cabinet
- Two small side tables, Small dresser
- 3 twin and 2 full size new or refurbished mattresses (no box springs)
- Twin and full-sized sheet sets
- Bath towels

We are so grateful for all your support. Thank you, again!

Our next committee meeting is July 23 at 6:30pm. New team members are always welcome.

Please contact Karen Miller at kmiller@visitation.org, Julie McFarland at jmcfarlandkc@gmail.com or Laura Crowe at crowelaura70@gmail.com with donations or questions.

ABOUT TOWN

FR. GREG SCHMITT MEMORIAL FUNDRAISER

'TACOS AND TEES' on Friday, July 11 on the campus of Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Redemptorist). Please join us for tacos, miniature golf, fun games and fellowship as we honor the life, legacy, and servant's heart of Fr. Gregg Schmitt. Fr. Greg touched countless lives with his compassion, wisdom, and unwavering belief in the good in every person. His deep love for people—and golf—continues to inspire us.

Clean out your closet and garages for a good cause! You can drop off clothing, household items, books and media, etc. until July 11, Monday -Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, at Redemptorist Senior Center, 3333 Broadway or bring them to "Tacos and Tees" on July 11.



As always, your continued support of the mission here at the Redemptorist Social Services Center means the world to our families, volunteers and staff alike! Thank you for believing in us and trusting us to serve those who need it most! God Bless You!

SOCIAL CONCERNS

TEAM LEADER NEEDED

Visitation has been invited to adopt a street in Kansas City and we need a team leader! The responsibility includes: attending training, leading a team three times per year to clean up a chosen area near our neighborhood and submit a report to the KC Metropolitan Crime Commission. If you are interested in taking on this important role, please contact Karen Miller at 816-381-6914.

MORNING GLORY CAFE

Volunteers needed to serve breakfast on July 3. For more information, contact Kristi Wakat at kristi773@gmail.com or 816-791-2021.

ADVOCACY



To learn more about the policy work being done by the Missouri Catholic Conference or the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, go to the websites below:

<https://www.lifeandjusticekcsj.org/>

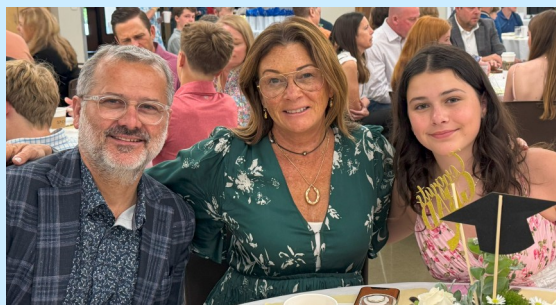
<https://www.votervoice.net/USCCB/home>

ACTION CENTER - VOTERVOICE

An increasing number of priests, religious sisters and brothers, and others serving the Church throughout the United States will be forced to abandon their ministries if policymakers do not act soon.

WWW.VOTERVOICE.NET

SCENES FROM 8TH GRADE GRADUATION BREAKFAST



2025 Pictorial Directory

Join these folks who have already submitted a photo & get to know your fellow parishioners by face & name!



- No appointments
- No salespeople
- **Upload your own photo** - vacation, holiday, family celebration, professional portrait (w/ release) - whatever pic you choose
- Learn more in today's bulletin (linked above)

Upload your photo today at
<https://tinyurl.com/visphoto25>

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.

BLOOD DRIVE



Blood Drive

Let's go donate!



Visitation Parish

Monday, June 30
1:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Tighe Hall
Visitation Church
5141 Main

Prepare to donate



Eat well
and hydrate



Bring a
photo ID



Feel good and
symptom free



Must be 17+ or
16 with parental
consent form



Meet minimum
weight requirements



Sign up at savealifenow.org/group and use **group code VH**. For additional details, contact Megan Burdolski at (816) 753-5155 ext. 1305 or megan@church.visitation.org.

For full eligibility requirements and COVID-19 information, visit savealifenow.org/eligibility.

Bring it home.

Swing by to donate and choose between **2 tickets** to an upcoming Royals game or a **limited-edition T-shirt**.

While supplies last.



877.468.6844 • savealifenow.org

