

VISITATION PARISH
THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
JANUARY 11, 2026



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



CONFIRMATION MASS
January 24 at 10:30 am,
at the Cathedral of the
Immaculate Conception.
See emails for more details.

10th Grade - Mandatory rehearsal this weekend after 10:30 Mass. Meet in Tighe Hall to begin. Bring your sponsor!

JR. HIGH - Mandatory rehearsal this week-end after 10:30 Mass. Meet in Tighe Hall to begin. Bring your sponsor! Remember that we will also meet MONDAY, January 12 at 5:15 pm in the Faith Formation Room.

VISITATION SCHOOL AUCTION

ANNOUNCING, VISITATION SCHOOL'S
BIGGEST HOME GAME OF THE YEAR!



As the biggest annual fundraising event in the Visitation community, the school auction takes a full team effort!

HELP US LOAD THE BASES!
EVERY SPONSORSHIP AND DONATION BRINGS US
CLOSER TO A GRAND SLAM FOR OUR STUDENTS!

Sponsorships
available from
\$1,000-\$10,000



Auction item
donations need
big and small

Please visit the Visitation School Auction website for sponsorship and auction item donation opportunities. Go to
<https://visitationauction.com/>

We are grateful for all parish support!

WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

WEDDINGS

The parish extends prayers and congratulations to Alexa Schaaf and Andrew Richards who were married on December 27 and to Bella Shirazi and Jack Maple who were married on December 31.

OUR SYMPATHY

The parish extends its sympathy to Mary Harte and Carol Crowe on the death of their husband and father, Bill Harte; and to Lauren Welsh on the death of her father, Michael Henninger.

REMEMBER OUR SICK

Aaron Smith	Scott Martens
Holly Valdivia	Thom McNamara
Earl Adam	Tricia Melland
Rose Arroyo	Virginia Moffett
Pamela Atherton	Jack Myre
Jack Baker	Jen O'Neill
Bill Blanck, Sr.	Peggy Pruitt
Stephen Bowen	Ellie Rose
Bill Fuss	Kathy Scaglia
Ed Grownay	Gary Schafer
Brooke Kuechler Harris	Barbara Schulte
Kristin Heyer	Aimee Sesler
Megan Hoefer	Sandra Sharp
Margaret Howard	Kathy Sims
Joe Irwin	Cenza Spadafore
William Jewell	Special Intention
Bryan Larson	Salvador Valddeperas, Sr.
Jeanne Lendabarker	Dave Wittrock
Bob Lystad	

SICK LIST

Please call Jenny Greene at 816-753-5155 x1309 to request an individual be added to our list. We ask that you leave a contact name and number. We will follow up with each request quarterly to keep the list current and to offer any additional support if needed.

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; Major Thomas Raniere, Ellsworth Air Force Base, SD.

FUNERAL MEAL TEAMS

On Deck: Team # 12
On Alert: Team # 4

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners,

Every year, Spotify offers a fun feature called "Wrapped," revealing a listener's music stats for the year. For 2025, here are some of my primary stats:

I listened to 34,066 minutes of music in 2025. I listened to 217 albums completely through. I listened to 5247 different songs by 1121 artists from 365 different genres. My top 5 genres were Indie Rock, New Wave, Power Pop, Art Pop and Singer-Songwriter. My most-listened-to song was "My Golden Years" by The Lemon Twigs. It's perfect power pop and leads off an album full of great songs, *A Dream is All We Know*. That was also my most-listened-to album. My top artist was a Scottish musician named C. Duncan. His songs are full of dreamy keyboards and harmonies creating soundscapes that evoke Maxfield Parrish paintings. My other top artists were The Lemon Twigs, The Hepburns, The Smiths and XTC. I listened to a lot of current stuff, but because I listened to a lot of stuff from the 80's as well, my listening age came out to 52 for the year.



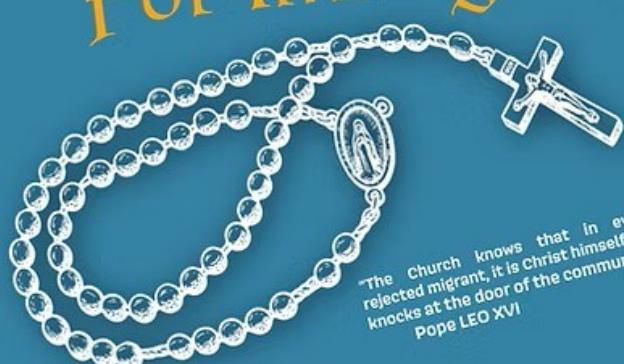
I did listen to some music made in 2025 (Panda Bear, BC Camplight, Matt Berninger) but clearly erred on the side of music made before this year. I've found some great "Best of 2025" lists on YouTube that I will be digging through in the coming months. There is so much music to discover and enjoy!

Peace,

Fr. Greg

ABOUT TOWN

Rosary For Immigrants



WELCOME-PROTECT-PROMOTE-INTEGRATE
Join us as we PEACEFULLY pray the rosary for the end of indiscriminate and inhumane deportations of non-violent migrants and refugees.

12:00 PM at
Washington Square Park
across from the Immigration court
2345 Grand Blvd. Kansas City, MO

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday at Noon 12/12/25 <i>Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>
Wednesday's at Noon 1/28/26 2/25/26 3/25/26 4/22/26 5/27/26

LifeandJusticeKCSI.org



**MASS INTENTIONS
JANUARY 13-18**

Tuesday, January 13
6:45 am Dianne Messina McMahon †
8:15 am Kelsey Kivistö †

Wednesday, January 14
6:45 am Charles Adams †
8:15 am Leslie Newsome †

Thursday, January 15
6:45 am Maria Chalk †

Friday, January 16
8:15 am Becca Lueke †

Saturday, January 17
8:15am Santa Maria Madre de los Pobres
4:00 pm Cathy McGee Scheurer †

Sunday, January 18
8:00 am Charles Adams †
10:30 am People of Visitation

MINISTRY SCHEDULE – JANUARY 17-18			
	4:00 PM	8:00 AM	
ALTAR SERVERS	C. Welsh R. Waldrup C. Thompson	S. Murray C. McCoy Maggie Watts	E. Affolter H. Affolter A. Schilling
EMs	M. Kirwan M. Lising J. McPherson J. Miller S. O'Neill M. O'Neill A. O'Toole M. Rice M. Shannon A. Sonnenberg K. Taylor	D. Devine J. Dickmeyer J. Grego M. Heckman-Crowe L. Hughes C. Jackson A. Leimora F. Lester K. Levi H. Shinn M. Widmer	A. Adams B. Adams D. Dubrava sub req A. Florez E. Florez M. Florez C. Fryer G. Herrenbruck J. Johnson T. Mayer T. McCray
LECTORS	B. Nelson Mark Thompson	C. Wagner B. Winget	J. Anderson
USHERS	P. Dunlay T. Hellhake sub req J. Waldrup	F. Erlacker J. Erlacker NOT FILLED	G. Canino J. Canino NOT FILLED
SACR.	R. Steinert	B. Truta	S. Mayer

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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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 2025/26

Shelley Carney	Steve O'Neill
Bill Donath	Gary Smith
Fr. Greg Haskamp	Lucy Stella
Linda Judah	Mike Vrabac
Kristie Larson	Katie Wendel
Megan Burdolski, Staff	Kathleen Wiedeman

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Secretary, Bridget Winget x3136

St. Vincent De Paul Help Line
816-753-9061

Diocese of Kansas City St. Joseph
Independent Ombudsman, 816-213-6024
Victim Assistance Coordinator, Michelle Graff
816-714-2357



Tables for Two

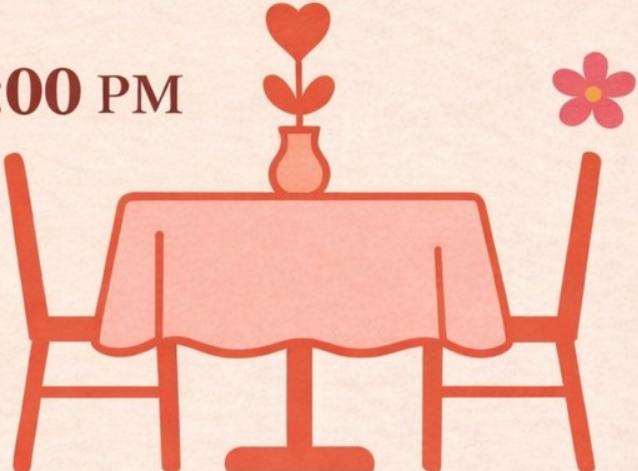
— VALENTINE'S DINNER FOR MARRIED COUPLES —

- Join us for Tables for Two, a special Valentine's dinner designed to help married couples slow down, connect, and enjoy meaningful conversation.
- Each course will be paired with thoughtful, guided questions to encourage deeper connection
- in a relaxed, welcoming setting.

February 14 • 5:00 PM

Tighe Hall

- Space is limited—
reserve your table today!



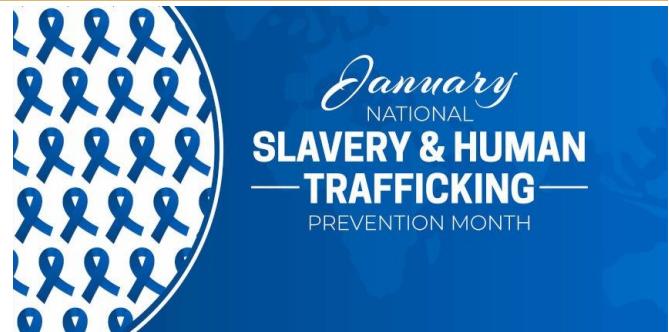
If you'd like a spot contact Jenny Greene:
jennifer@visitation.org



SOCIAL CONCERNS

JANUARY IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH.

Human Trafficking covers a LOT and first you need to be aware that it is happening in the US, even in our area. Every year, millions of men, women and children are lured by force, fraud or coercion to work as slaves or perform commercial sex acts. Any community is vulnerable and victims can be any age, race, gender or nationality. To build your awareness, go to www.dhs.gov/bluecampaign for more background. You can find out how to avoid buying products made with forced labor, and get ideas to help with this problem by checking out the US Catholic Sisters website: www.alliancetoendhumantrafficking.org.



SISTER PARISH



Sponsorship Payments are Due Now! If you sponsor a child and are unsure if you have made your 2025 payment, please call Karen in the parish office at 816-381-6914 - be on the lookout for an email requesting payment. Donations can be made online.



THANK YOU FROM SACRED HEART- GUADALUPE PARISH

Dear Visitation Parish,

“Giving” has been the trademark of our Catholic Christian heritage. How well you have lived up to that traditions with your gifts to Sacred Heart-Guadalupe Church.

On behalf of the Finance Committee, Parish Council and Staff of Sacred Heart Guadalupe Church, thank you for the Christmas gifts to our parish. It is the support of our parishioners, friends and members of this community that allows Sacred Heard-Guadalupe Church to be a prayerful, welcoming faith

community of the “West Side” that responds to the call of the Gospel by preaching the Word, teaching one another and serving those in need.

Once again, thank you for your valuable contributions to our parish. God bless you for your goodness and continued generosity.

In Christ,

Ramona Arroyo-DRE

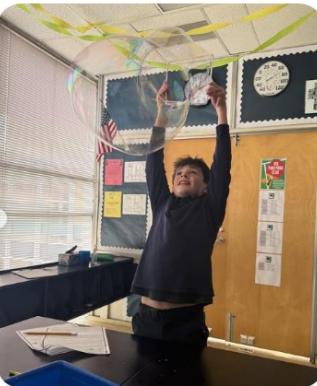
The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse: 1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-392-3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and 2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and 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, ombudsman@ombudsmankcsj.org or 816-213-6024. 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 816-714-2357 or victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org for more information.



THE SHAMROCK SNAPSHOT.*



SPOTLIGHTING FAITH AND LIFE AT VISITATION SCHOOL



Yes, This Is Science Class! 😊

Science came alive this semester in our middle school classrooms through curiosity, creativity, and hands-on discovery:

✿ Sweet Science in 7th Grade

Our 7th graders turned learning into a treat as they built edible animal cells, layering organelles with candy - and knowledge with every bite!

⚡ Energy in Motion

Our 8th graders put physics into action by designing paper roller coasters that demonstrated potential and kinetic energy - then invited younger students along for the ride.

🍪 Modeling the Cell Cycle

What better way to understand mitosis than with Oreos and sprinkles? Students modeled each phase of the cell cycle in a way that was both memorable and delicious.

🎈 Bubbles & Cell Membranes

Through hands-on labs, 7th graders explored how bubbles behave - discovering surprising similarities to real cell membranes.

SAVE THE DATE

We hope to see you on January 24th to experience what makes Visitation such an outstanding choice for your child's education. Whether you're exploring Kindergarten or considering transferring to another grade, we're here to answer your questions and help you envision your child's future at Vis!

VISITATION SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE

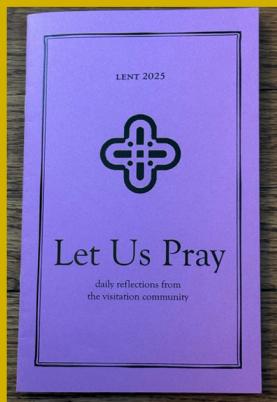
SAT, JAN 24
10 AM - 12 PM
visitationschoolkc.org



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FAITH FORMATION



JANUARY 12 | "LET US PRAY" LENT BOOK REFLECTIONS DUE

A reminder to our Lenten Book writers that your reflections are due January 12!

As most of you are aware, each year, more than 40 Visitation parishioners volunteer to write a reflection for our annual "Let Us Pray" Lent Book. These reflections provide thoughtful, sometimes intellectual, sometimes deeply personal, and always powerful meditations each day as we move together through the Season of Lent.

This year's 45 writers have worked diligently on their reflections for this coming Lent season, and we are so grateful for each and every contribution. Thank you!

"Let Us Pray" Lent Books will arrive in mailboxes the week before Ash Wednesday

JANUARY 26 | SCHOOL OF RELIGION PRAYER SERVICES AND CLASSES RESUME

Did you know...

Visitation's School of Religion is for ALL parish children and their households (even those attending Visitation Catholic School), offering a "whole community catechesis" outside of school hours. As the children's ministry for the parish, SoR provides ongoing activities for all children and households, along with structured classes for those not attending Catholic school.

Each Monday at 5:30pm, Visitation hosts a 15-minute, kid-friendly prayer service in the St. Joseph Chapel, open to anyone. These weekly prayer services are occasionally followed by a Family Dinner, guest speaker, and opportunities for family-friendly service projects. Come join us!

For students not attending Catholic School, SoR also offers the following classes:

- **K-1st Graders: Introduction to Jesus and his teachings**
- **3rd-5th Graders: Introduction to the Catholic Church and her teachings**
- **Sacrament classes for 2nd and 6th Graders**

SoR Vision: Support the Domestic Church | Make Disciples of Jesus | Encourage Servant Leadership | Reinforce A Catholic Identity

For more information, please contact Teresa Albright: teresa@visitation.org

FEBRUARY 9 | SUPPER SERIES SESSION 4: GOD'S LOVE FOR THE POOR

Please note that our January 12 Supper Series event has been canceled. Our next Supper Series event focused on Catholic Social Teaching will take place on February 9.

Facilitated by Karen Miller, Pastoral Associate at Visitation who leads the Parish's Social Concerns Committee, this event will explore two Catholic Social Teaching principles, "Preferential Option for the Poor" and "Dignity of Work and Worker's Rights." All are welcome. Come be nourished in body, mind, and spirit.

Next Event: February 9 in Tighe Hall | 6:15 pm - Doors Open | 6:30 pm - Dinner Served | 7:00 pm - Program

PASTORAL CARE

FAITH & GRIEF GATHERINGS IN TIGHE HALL WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4 AT 12:00 NOON



Speaker: Sue Ellermeier

A Good Death

Sue will share her experiences during the short illness and death of her husband, Gary. Specifically, she will share how her late husband and their family were able to say goodbye and find comfort in their experiences.

NEW ! Faith & Grief Online Caregiver Support Gathering

Fourth Monday of each month from 1:00 - 2:00 pm. Register on the Faith and Grief website. Join this monthly offering online for sharing experiences, encouragement and support from others who understand. Register at www.faithandgrief.org. 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.



ABOUT TOWN



PRECIOUS BLOOD RENEWAL CENTER - TAKE A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28 9:00 AM-2:00 PM/REGISTER BY FEBRUARY 25

You are warmly invited to step away from the pace of daily life and enter a welcoming space of rest, reflection, and renewal. During this Lenten season, come sit at the well with Jesus – the One who listens, who understands, and who offers living water to every searching heart.

Guided by the story of the Woman at the Well (John 4:5-42), we will wander into the desert places of our own hearts, where thirst gives way to longing and longing opens into grace.

LED BY FR. RON WILL, VICKY OTTO AND FR. TIMOTHY ARMBRUSTER.

Through prayer, quiet time, and shared conversation, this day promises to refresh your spirit and create room for grace to flow. The retreat will be guided by the story of the Woman at the Well (John 4:5-24)

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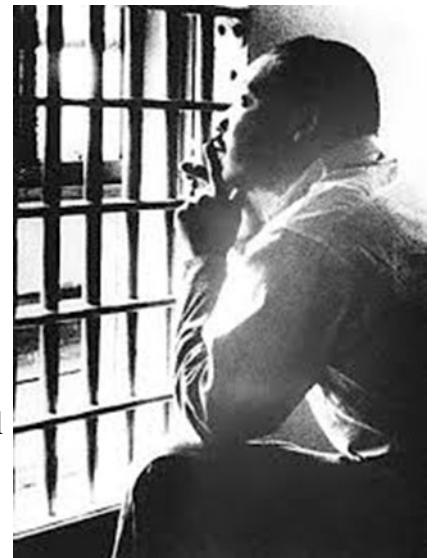


Twice Monthly **Adapted Catholic Mass** and
Monthly **Religious Education and Socials**
for individuals with special needs and
their families

RACIAL JUSTICE

The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. passionately appealed to common Christian morals and values in his famous **Letter from a Birmingham Jail**. Addressed to Alabama clergy calling for King and other civil rights advocates to moderate and apply patience in their quests for equality, King expertly uses biblical and historical text to build the case for unconditional equality and freedom for African Americans.

Join the Visitation Racial Justice Committee for a dramatic reading of Letter from a Birmingham Jail on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Monday, January 19, at 7:00 pm in the church. Hearing and reflecting on these words on an annual basis is an important way to both honor King's legacy and gain renewed spiritual grounding in the word of justice.



MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. WEEKEND



Fr. Leonard Gicheru @ Vis

*Fr. Leonard of
St. Monica's
and Fr. Greg
will swap pulpits
for Masses the
weekend of
January 17-18.*

**January 17 at
4:00 pm Mass**

*Enjoy the combined
Visitation and St.
Monica Choirs*

Reception to follow