

VISITATION PARISH

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

DECEMBER 26, 2021



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 lifelong 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

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The parish office will be closed on Monday, December 27 in observance of the Christmas holiday and on Friday, December 31 in observance of New Year's Day.

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW PARISHIONER

Nancy Richter

2022 ANNUAL APPEAL

If you have not yet done so, please return your 2022 pledge form or complete the online pledge form this week. **ATTENTION AUTOMATED GIVERS:**

Visitation Parish is changing electronic giving providers in calendar year 2022. If you contribute via bank draft (ACH) or credit/debit card through Visitation, please note that account numbers are encrypted and *we need your help in changing your gifts to our new system!* If you have already utilized the new 2022 Annual Appeal online pledge module to set up your gifts or have returned your 2022 pledge form with FULL account information (including the security code for a credit/debit card), all is well. If you have not yet done so, please visit the website at www.visitation.org and click on the 2022 Annual Appeal banner in the scrolling marquee to set up your payments.

YEAR-END GIVING

As the year ends this week, please allow adequate mail/processing time to enable us to credit the donation by December 31, 2021 for possible tax-deduction purposes. Checks dated December 31 and mailed by that date will be accepted through the first week of the new year.

Please note that January 1 falls on a Saturday this year, so the parish office will observe the holiday on Friday, December 31. *If you need office assistance with any year-end gift, please contact us before 2:00 pm on Thursday, December 30.*

If you have any questions about the annual appeal, your pledge or need assistance initiating an automated withdrawal, gift of stock or any other type of transaction, please contact Megan Burdolski at 753-5155 x1305 or megan@church.visitation.org. Thank you for your ongoing support of Visitation!

OUR SYMPATHY TO

Rosemary Moran on the death of her sister, Julia R. Harrington.

REMEMBER OUR SICK

Suzanne Adams	Thomas McNamara
Pamela Atherton	Tricia Melland
Barbara Kopp Atkinson	Birdie Mendence
Maggie Quirarte Bates	Mary Montgomery
Marilyn Frechin Blank	Lionel Morgan
Dorothy Bock	Joe Noblitt
Leonardo Borders	Maggie O'Neill
Mary Ann Brown	Jennifer Olson
Mike Caraway	Charles Oppenlander
Shari Caraway	Nicholas Parscale
Marianne Carl	Leonardo Passantino
Beverly Cascone	Connie Perucca
Joanne Comiskey	Pat Piranio
Olivia Connealy	Nicola Pistone
Jimmy Connell	Kat Potter
Hunter Cook	Peggy Pruitt
Polly Donnelly	Quinn Regan
Allie May Dudenhoeffer	Carol Riesmeyer
Tom Fraley	Ellie Rose
Shana Gadt	The Ryan Family
Susie Haake	The Saalberg Family
Brooke Kuechler Harris	Jeff Schilling
Mike Henninger	Fran Schuetz
Joe Irwin	Barbara Schulte
William Jewell	Aimee Sesler
Jaquie Kallman	Bill Sharp
Peg Kallman	Sandra Sharp
Shirley Kempker	Sharon Smart
Marriane Kersten	Special Intention
John Langle	Jeannie Sullivan
Bryan Larson	Peter Thompson
Betsy Lazere	Tripp Thompson
Jeanne Lendabarker	Salvador Valldeperas, Sr.
Anthony Lipari, Sr.	Annabelle Whalen
Jorge Maldonado	Dave Wittrock
Scott Martens	Leigh Ann Zeller
Priscilla McInnes	

Gentle prayer list 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.

RACIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Looking for new things to do and experience this holiday season? There are many exciting opportunities to explore our multicultural heritage right here in Kansas City:

- Black Archives of Mid-America featuring the exhibit "With My Eyes No Longer Blind" - 1722 East 17th Terrace, KCMO
- Negro Leagues Baseball Museum - 1616 East 18th Street, KCMO
- American Jazz Museum - 1616 East 18th Street, KCMO

Bruce R. Watkins Cultural Center (limited hours due to COVID) - 3700 Blue Parkway, KCMO

Or drive through the metro and hear about the history of segregation in Kansas City via the Dividing Lines

Tour: <https://voicemap.me/tour/kansas-city/dividing-lines-a-history-of-segregation-in-kansas-city/sites>



SCHOOL OF RELIGION

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COAT DRIVE



Our Visitation Knights Annual Front Porch Coat Drive is underway. Drop off your donations of coats 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 that Visitation is always known for.

BAPTISM



The Baptism of the Lord

Sunday, January 9, 2022

10:30 a.m. Mass

You're Invited to a...

Blessing of the Newly Baptized



for all Children of God baptized between
March 2020 and December 2021



Join us for the
10:30 a.m. Mass
and receive a
special blessing
on the feast of the
Baptism of the Lord
followed by a
reception in the
narthex.



Send a favorite
baptism pic for our
slideshow during
the reception.

Email photo to:

Teresa@church.visitation.org

SCHOOL OF RELIGION

S.O.R. classes are on winter break December 27 - January 17. Classes resume Monday January 24, 2022.

S.O.R. is a religious education program that serves the children of Visitation and their families. We gather in the St. Joseph Chapel on Mondays from 5:15 - 6:15 pm. For more information, contact Teresa at teresa@church.visitation.org.

MASS INTENTIONS DECEMBER 28– JANUARY 2

Tuesday, December 28
6:45 Beatrice Santer †
8:15am William & Barbara Horseman †

Wednesday, December 29
6:45 Michael Siragusa †
8:15 am Marge Lippert †

Thursday, December 30
6:45am Mae Brown †

Friday, December 31
8:15am John J Jurcyk, Jr. †

Saturday, January 1
8:15 am Msgr. Thomas B. McDonald †
4:00 pm Casey Pointer †

Sunday, January 2
8:00 am People of Visitation
10:30 am Valerie Caffrey †

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
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 2021-2022

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St. Vincent De Paul Help Line
753-9061

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

SOCIAL SERVICES

CARE PORTAL

A Care Portal story by Erin Greenhaulgh.....

I almost didn't open the email. I'm too busy. Too much to do. Errands to run, deadlines to meet, laundry to fold. I can barely meet my own needs, how am I going to meet someone else's? But something about "single mom in a shelter unexpectedly" tugged at me.

So, I opened it. Clicked on the link, and proceeded to read about a woman with five kids whose ages and clothing sizes matched up almost perfectly with my own four. The mom had warm weather clothes for her kids, but the weather had just started to dip down into the 30s again, and they were desperate for long pants, long-sleeved shirts, coats, hats, mittens and more. I have those things. Lots of those things. We have years of hand-me-downs piled up in our closets. I can always buy more - this woman cannot.



I opened a coat closet and gazed at the North Face fleeces and puffy ski jackets in just about every size hanging from hangers. I had to help.

I replied to the email, and while my toddler napped, I rummaged through closets and storage bins and ended up filling five trash bags of clothes. It was like two little fishes and fives loaves of bread—the clothes just kept coming—and my kids haven't even noticed that they're down a few articles of warm clothing. And if they need something, I can pop over to Target to re-stock. The Care Portal email I received that morning helped that family have a better winter than they otherwise would have.

Signing up to be on the Care Portal response team doesn't take much. There's absolutely no obligation or judgment. You simply help when you can. Each situation is different. Sometimes it's someone moving into a home for the first time in need of furniture or household needs. Sometimes it's a request for a Price Chopper Gift card. Or a box of diapers and wipes for a newborn in foster care.

And it's easy. Care Portal puts the need out there with a mass email and you can choose whether or not to respond. Later that afternoon, a very grateful social worker pulled up in front of my house and we loaded the bags into her car. At that point, we had only texted back and forth to arrange the pick-up. "I'd never used Care Portal before, until this case," she admitted. "So I really wasn't sure what to expect, but I can't even tell you how helpful this is going to be for this family. The kids have been so cold and wearing their mom's coats and hooded sweatshirts to school."

I hadn't been sure what to expect either, unsure that my efforts were going to pay off, but her gratitude told me otherwise. I immediately started looking forward to my next Care Portal email. Maybe I'll be able to help and maybe I won't. The needs are diverse but easy to fulfill. And there's always need. I can't change the world or end poverty, but I can make a difference. And so can you.

For information, or to sign up to be on the Response Team for CarePortal, please email Karen@church.visitation.org

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VISITATION CHOIR

Visitation Choir Epiphany Concert
Thursday, January 6 at Visitation Church,
7:00 pm

Please join the Visitation Music Ministry for an evening of song celebrating the Feast of the Epiphany. Concert begins at 7:00 pm and a reception will follow in the Narthex.



WOMEN OF VISITATION

WOMEN OF VISITATION
EPIPHANY ROSARY
FRIDAY, JANUARY 7



Join the Women of Visitation in the St. Joseph Chapel after the 8:15 am Mass on Friday, January 7 to pray the rosary. A reception will follow in the narthex.