

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 VISITATION PARISH
 SEPTEMBER 17, 2023



O U R M I S S I O N

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 C H E D U L E

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

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

Priesthood Sunday is next Sunday, September 24. It is a special day set aside to honor priesthood in the United States and a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priest as central to the life of the Church. In a way this is a "Father's Day," for Father Greg, our spiritual leader. Drop Father Greg a note or offer him a few words of appreciation if you have a chance next weekend. This nationwide event is coordinated and sponsored by the Serra Club, an organization of lay men and women whose mission is to foster and affirm vocations to the ministerial priesthood and vowed religious life in the USA.

CONFIRMATION 2023-24 PARENT INFORMATION MEETING

Please join us for one of the following meetings:

- **Sunday, September 24** from 7:00 - 9:00 pm *or*
- **Monday, September 25** from 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Both meetings will take place in the Faith Formation Room.



FUNERAL MEAL TEAM THANK YOU

On behalf of the parish community we thank our **Women of Vis Funeral Meal Teams:**

#6 - Captains Jennie Egan and Amy McKenny and their team of Kristin Beerman, Laura Connealy, Carol Crowe, Patti Dunlay, Ann Eckels, Jan Fakoury, Carol Fryer, Erica Gaarder, Ann Hodes, Shawn Keller, Jane Kieffer, Jackie Massman, Maureen McMeel, Sharon Molloy, Barbara Mullane, Karen O'Neill, Nancy Pell, Amy Perry and Alison Ward.

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WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

WEDDINGS

The parish extends prayers and congratulations to Mallory Elder and Max Martineau on their wedding here on Saturday, September 9.

OUR SYMPATHY

We, as a parish community, mourn the loss of Cathy Campbell.

REMEMBER OUR SICK

Brian Adams	Tim McNamara
John Anderson	Thomas McNamara
Pamela Atherton	Tricia Melland
Maggie Quirarte Bates	Birdie Mendence
Leonardo Borders	Andy Metzler
Chace Brundige	Lionel Morgan
Marianne Carl	Krystal Nemetz
Timothy Charles	Jennifer Olson
Mary Beth Cicchetti	Charles Oppenlander
Olivia Connealy	Nicholas Parscale
Tony Cosentino	Nicola Pistone
Allie May Dudenhoeffer	Kat Potter
Bill Fuss	Peggy Pruitt
Ed Growney	Ruth Quirarte
Brooke Kuechler Harris	Quinn Regan
Mike Henninger	Theresia Ritchie
Laura Horigan	Ellie Rose
Joe Irwin	The Ryan Family
William Jewell	The Saalberg Family
Erin Kallman	Liam Scanlon
Shirley Kempker	Fran Schuetz
Marriane Kersten	Barbara Schulte
Kevin Koch	Aimee Sesler
Bryan Larson	Sandra Sharp
Betsy Lazere	Bill Stone
Jeanne Lendabarker	Special Intention
Anthony Lipari, Sr.	Jeannie Sullivan
Mary Lipari	Salvador Valldeperas, Sr.
Tom Lynn	Annabelle Whalen
Jorge Maldonado	Dave Wittrock
Scott Martens	Leigh Ann Zeller
Priscilla McInnes	

The parish community continues to pray for parish members and their families who are serving in the armed services: Maj. Philip Martin, Ft. Leavenworth, KS; Maj. Chris Oppenlander, Hill Airforce Base; Maj. Gisselle Oppenlander, Hill Airforce Base; Master Sgt. Louis A. Perez, Naval Air Station, Pensacola, FL.

FUNERAL MEAL TEAMS

On Deck: Team # 12

On Alert: Team # 3

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners,

My first couple of months have been marked by abundant Visitation hospitality! I've received so many invitations to lunch, happy hour, dinner and other events, and I have so enjoyed those times. Thank you. It is so delightful to get to know the people of Visitation and to realize ever more fully how blessed and faith-filled our parish community is.



It dawned on me earlier this year that most events in the Gospel take place outside the temple, that Jesus is very social and very much a part of the community he inhabits. He does teach and heal in the temple, but he also joins the party in people's homes, on the seashore, in the garden and on the plain. I love that. It highlights the holiness inherent in our gatherings and celebrations, that being together is always an occasion of God's presence, that God dwells among us when we gather, and that wisdom, mercy, healing and peace abound.

As so many ministries have resumed this fall, including Visitation School, RCIA, Mothers of Young Children, Choir, Confirmation and so much more, there is a great spirit of energy and vitality in our buildings and around campus. What a lively, dynamic community Visitation Parish is! I'm impressed with and grateful for the abundance of gifts in this community, and for the generous stewardship that animates it all!

Peace,

Fr. Greg

COMMUNITY CARES

VISITATION COMMUNITY CARES PROJECT - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

Please plan to participate in the 4th annual project where Visitation families/parishioners can show care and kindness to fellow parishioners! If you know someone who has suffered a loss, illness or hardship this year or who may need to be reminded how special they are to our community, please nominate them to be served in this way. All names can be submitted to Karen Miller at karen@church.visitation.org. If you are interested in volunteering on the day of the project, some tasks include raking leaves, planting flowers, trimming shrubs, sidewalk chalk art, etc. If you are willing to participate or want more information, please call or email Greg Fowler at 816-718-5539 gfwler11057@gmail.com or Jeff Mohajir at jmohajir@mohajir.com.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 19-24

Tuesday, September 19
6:45 am Mary Ann Brown †
8:15 am Mary Margaret Kane †
& Napoleon Paschal Emily †

Wednesday, September 20
6:45 am Jackson Rouse †
8:15 am Mae Brown †

Thursday, September 21
6:45 am Martha Beckers †

Friday, September 22
8:15 am Steve Seigfreid †

Saturday, September 23
8:15am Michael Messina †
4:00 pm Michael Siragusa †

Sunday, September 24
8:00 am People of Visitation
10:30 am Dick Muraski †

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SEPTEMBER 23-24

	4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
ALTAR SERVERS	C. Langlade C. Tietjen R. Spadafore	G. Greim J. Kobler A. Hughes	B. Arthur L. Gaarder A. Calkins
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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 2022-23

Bill Dunn	Ryan Larson
Dave Ekerdt	John Legg
Jim Erlacker	Fr. Greg Haskamp
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Victim Assistance Coordinator,
Whitney True-Francis 816-392-0011

SISTER PARISH



RIDE FOR MADRE 2023 THANK YOU

Thank you to all who participated in the 2023 Ride for Madre. It was a beautiful sunny day, perfect for a fun-filled bike ride in support of our sister parish, Santa Maria Madre de los Pobres. We had approximately 20 riders and are very grateful for all those who participated. Also, thank you to those who were able to donate to help ease challenges and burdens our friends in El Salvador suffer with on a daily basis.

SISTER PARISH - MEDICINE FOR MADREN - MEDICINE STILL NEEDED

Our medical delegation will be leaving on September 30 and will be carrying over the counter medicine to assist the health clinic. **We will pack the donations on September 23 so please bring your items this week!** Donations of the following medications and items will be appreciated:



- ⇒ Vitamins for children and adults (No gummies, please)
- ⇒ Acetaminophen for adults (500 mg)
- ⇒ Children's Acetaminophen
- ⇒ Aspirin (81 mg)
- ⇒ Benadryl (allergy medication) 25 mg (tablets only)
- ⇒ Magnesium tablets, Toothbrushes for children and adults

MEDICAL DELEGATION PANEL DISCUSSION ON OCTOBER 26 AT 7:00 PM IN TIGHE HALL.

Please plan to come and hear from those who recently traveled to El Salvador. They will show photos and stories from the most recent visit and will be able to answer any questions you may have about their trip.

CHRISTMAS IN OCTOBER

Visitation has a long rich history with Christmas in October and we hope to continue the tradition of rebuilding houses and neighborhoods in Kansas City! Please save the date of Saturday, October 14 and RSVP to Ken Conroy at 816-819-0578 or email at kjmconroy1@gmail.com to join the team! Your help is needed!



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.

SHAMROCK SNAPSHOT

6th Grade Students Honor and Commemorate the Tragic Events of 9/11:

In concert with the reading of *The Day the World Came to Town* by Jim DeFede, 6th grade students created presentations to share information with different grade levels about the events surrounding 9/11.

Students re-imagined the 9/11 Memorial Fountains and built a model of them in the Courtyard at school. All students were given a small white rose to place, as a way of paying tribute to the lives lost.

This group of students also researched information about the Memorial itself and shared that information with a variety of grade levels in short informercials they presented on Friday, September 8.



Students learned about the "Survivor Tree" and read/shared picture books with many grades to allow students, at all levels, to understand this amazing story of a tree surviving the collapse of the Twin Towers, and now thriving at the Memorial site. Students also orchestrated the task of assigning 10 names to every student in the school so that "lives lost" name cards could be created to hang on the model of the Survivor Tree in the lobby.



RACIAL JUSTICE



Now in its fourth year in Kansas City, Black Restaurant Week runs through September 24. 16 local restaurants are participating, and several offer special deals. Black Restaurant Week's organizers suggest contacting the establishments directly. Here's the list of restaurants:

- The District Fish & Pasta House, 1664 E. 63rd St., 816-921-0152
- Fannie's West African Cuisine, 4105 Troost Ave., 816-832-8454
- Gigi's Vegan and Wellness Cafe, 1103 Westport Road, 816-605-1819
- Jadabay's Tasty Kitchen (food truck), 816-377-4094
- KC Cajun, 3510 E. 27th St., 816-337-0207
- KC Mac N Co., 1111 Main St., Suite 155, 816-200-0539
- Love Is Key, 1108 E. 30th St., 816-556-6912
- Mister Dipz Cookies and Sweet Treats (food truck), 816-743-1702
- TC's Fully Loaded (food truck), 404-477-4787
- The 6 Lounge, 6902 Prospect Ave., 816-673-1080
- Vegan Crave Burgers and Bakery, 1599 Iron St., North Kansas City, 816-533-5381
- Wah Gwan, 6228 Troost Ave., 816-895-3427
- Yogurtini Plaza, 4853 Main St., 816-531-2201
- Young Family Farm KC, 3819 Wayne Ave., 816-237-0572

For a complete list of the many Black owned restaurants in the Kansas City area, check the link below.

https://flatlandkc.org/eats-drinks/midwest-black-restaurant-week-starts-today-heres-a-list-for-kc/?gclid=Cj0KCQjw9fqkBhDSARIsAHlcQYRTKGZ47Dd9N3qeSk-7RqoPPxSg4loZktsN_aDsDHSKUseDuoATEcaAmauEALw_wcB

HUNGER AWARENESS

SEPTEMBER IS HUNGER AWARENESS MONTH

Donations of non-perishable food items may be brought to the basket in the church narthex throughout the month of September. Donations will benefit four neighboring food pantries: St. Francis Xavier, Bishop Sullivan Center (Troost location), Guardian Angels & Redemptorist.

Young children are invited to participate and bring donations to the basket on the predella during the collection each weekend in September.

Help us fill our basket each weekend in September!



PASTORAL CARE

PASTORAL CARE REQUESTS

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.
- ⇒ *Keep in Touch* - reaching out twice a year to check on our older parishioners.
- ⇒ *Prayer Shawl* - 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 the parish or jennifer@church.visitation.org for further information or to join one of these teams.

ABOUT TOWN

DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR HOMICIDE VICTIMS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

What: Memorial Service

When: Sunday September 24, 12:30 pm

Where: Spirit of Freedom Fountain, 3708 Emanuel
Clever Boulevard

Please join Father Greg, members of the Visitation

community and KC Mothers in Charge to show support for those who have lost loved ones to homicide in Kansas City and to remember those who have died. **REMEMBER THEIR NAMES.**



DAPPLED GRIEF: THE MANY FORMS LOSS TAKES REV. DR. JARED WITT TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 12:00 NOON—1:00 PM

When Jared was seven years old and in the second grade, he lost his sister Sherise, who was still-born. Grieving a loved one who never quite arrived has been complex and challenging, personally and within the family system.



This is one of the many unique forms loss can take. Jared is the Transitional Pastor of Second Presbyterian Church. *Our lunch presentations and facilitated table conversations provide a safe place to listen, remember and pray together. You may share, or not, as you are comfortable.*

**Everyone is welcome, no charge. *Complimentary box lunch provided for those who register. A free-will offering is appreciated. * Sponsored by local churches and hosted at Village Presbyterian at 6641 Mission Road. *www.facebook.com/FathandGriefKC.*

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CHARITY CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1 - GUARDIAN ANGELS PARISH SUPPORTING GUARDIAN ANGELS FOOD PANTRY!

1st Place: \$500 2nd Place: 150 Check-in: 12:30 pm
Bags Fly: 1:00 pm \$40 per team!



FAITH FORMATION

The Faith Formation Team is taking a group from Visitation to Conception Abbey for a silent retreat weekend! The retreat will be led by Br. Mark Nelson, OSB with evening fellowship with your fellow Vis parishioners.



“Sabbath Rest & Benedictine Peace”

October 6 @ 4:00 pm – October 8 @ 2:00 pm

\$150.00 per person (includes private room and meals)



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Space is limited. To register, contact Kristie Larson, FF Chair, at kbraylarson@gmail.com or 816-674-6535.

FALL
2023

BIBLE STUDY FOR ADULTS

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-Dr. Amy-Jill Levine, Author

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RCIA

Do you have questions about becoming Catholic and living a Catholic life?

Please join us for our next “Inquiry Sunday” on **Sunday, September 24 from 9:15 – 10:15 am** (Faith Formation Room).

This session will address basic questions about what Catholics believe, how we pray and what we celebrate. With a focus on fellowship, Sunday sessions take place between the 8:00 am and 10:30 am Mass and are open to walk-ins and all parishioners. **Come with your questions, or follow the QR code to submit questions anonymously...**





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