

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY VISITATION PARISH JUNE 4, 2023



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

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

SUMMER PARISH HOURS

Summer Parish Office hours will be Monday through Thursday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. On Fridays, we will be open from 8:30 am - 1:00 pm.

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@church.visitaiton.org.



BAPTISMS

Last month we welcomed these Children of God to their new life in Christ through the saving waters of baptism.

- **Isla Amara Sierra**, daughter of Natalia
- **Megan Florence Anderson**, daughter of Matt & Jenny
- **Wesley Robert Mashburn**, son of William & Bobbi
- **Wesli Elizabeth Putthoff-Law**, daughter of Beth & Randi
- **Eva Ann Mulloy**, daughter of Ryan & Kristin
- **Lily Margaret Dack**, daughter of Alex & Emily

FAITH FORMATION PARISH BOOK

There are still a few copies of this year's parish book in the narthex. Pick up your household's free copy while they last!



VIS ON MAIN PODCAST

EPISODE 6 NOW STREAMING:

See details on back page of this bulletin on all episodes!

OUR SYMPATHY

to Tina Blanck on the death of her mother, Lonetta Johnson, who died on May 23.

REMEMBER OUR SICK

John Anderson	Scott Martens
Pamela Atherton	Priscilla McInnes
Maggie Quirarte Bates	Mike McIntosh
Marilyn Frechin Blank	Tim McNamara
Leonardo Borders	Thomas McNamara
Chace Brundige	Tricia Melland
Mike Caraway	Birdie Mendence
Shari Caraway	Andy Metzler
Marianne Carl	Lionel Morgan
Beverly Cascone	Krystal Nemetz
Timothy Charles	Jennifer Olson
Mary Beth Cicchetti	Charles Oppenlander
Olivia Connealy	Nicholas Parscale
Jean Cummings	Nicola Pistone
Allie May Dudenhoeffer	Kat Potter
Bill Fuss	Peggy Pruitt
Shana Gadt	Ruth Quirarte
Brooke Kuechler Harris	Quinn Regan
Mike Henninger	Theresa Ritchie
Joe Irwin	Ellie Rose
William Jewell	The Ryan Family
Erin Kallman	The Saalberg Family
Jaquie Kallman	Fran Schuetz
Jim Kearns	Barbara Schulte
Shirley Kempker	Aimee Sesler
Marriane Kersten	Sandra Sharp
Kevin Koch	Bill Stone
Bryan Larson	Special Intention
Betsy Lazere	Jeannie Sullivan
Jeanne Lendabarker	Salvador Valldeperas, Sr.
Anthony Lipari, Sr.	Annabelle Whalen
Mary Lipari	Dave Wittrock
Jorge Maldonado	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 # 3

On Alert: Team # 10

MASS INTENTIONS FOR JUNE 6-11

Tuesday, June 6
6:45 am Fr. Norman Rotert †
8:15 am Mark Seigfreid †

Wednesday, June 7
6:45 am Dave & Tish Offutt
8:15 am Terry Jones †

Thursday, June 8
6:45 am Dick Muraski †

Friday, June 9
8:15 am Robert McBee †

Saturday, June 10
8:15am Richard Knopke †
4:00 pm Kate Dixon †

Sunday, June 11
8:00 am People of Visitation
10:30 am Dick & Beattie Muraski †

LITURGICAL MINISTERS JUNE 10-11

	4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
ALTAR SERVERS	S. Anderson N. Bond B. Dro	C. Fanning K. Schilling A. Hughes	F. Poiry C. Reib L. Maginn
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SACRISTAN	R. Steinert	E. Johnson	S. Mayer

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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

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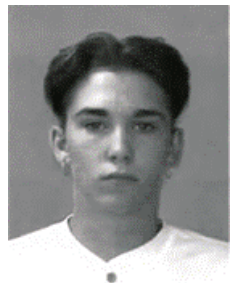
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Whitney True-Francis 816-392-0011

SOCIAL CONCERNS

CLEMENCY FOR MICHAEL TISIUS

The state of Missouri is scheduled to execute Michael Tisius on **June 6, 2023** at 6:00 pm. This will be the third execution this year in Missouri, and another is scheduled in August. Visitation parishioner Elizabeth Carlyle is one of the attorneys representing Michael and asks for the parish's prayers and help.

When Michael was 19 years old in June of 2000, he participated in a failed attempt to help an older prisoner, Roy Vance, escape from the Randolph County, Missouri Jail in Huntsville, Missouri. In the attempt, Michael Tisius killed the two jail guards, Leon Egley and Jason Acton. He was arrested soon afterwards and confessed to his crime.



Michael was especially vulnerable to Vance because of his age, mental impairments and terribly traumatic childhood. He saw Vance as the father he never had. Vance has now taken full responsibility for the plan and for involving Michael. Vance is serving a sentence of life without parole, but Michael was sentenced to death. Much of the information about Michael's background that has now been developed was not presented to the jury which sentenced him to death. His lawyers were paid an inadequate flat fee for his sentencing hearing, and the Missouri Public Defender System got what it paid for.

Since he came to prison in 2000, Michael has matured. Now 42 years old, he is not the adolescent who came to prison. His former warden, Troy Steele, has described him as "a model inmate" who "expressed regret and remorse. And I would say this was very unusual." Michael is a talented artist. He lives peacefully in the prison and has a positive impact on others. He is not the person he was in 2000.



Our Catholic Catechism provides, "The Church teaches, in the light of the Gospel, that 'the death penalty is inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person' and she works with determination for its abolition worldwide."

There is no question that Michael's crime was a terrible one. But Mr. Egley and Mr. Acton cannot be restored to life by Michael's execution. And there is very little evidence that execution helps the surviving victims, precisely for that reason.

For all of these reasons, we urge you to work against this execution. You can do that by -

- Prayer, for Michael, for his victims, for his legal team, and for those who must carry out the execution.
- Contacting Governor Parson, who has the power to grant clemency and commute Michael's sentence to life without parole. The best way to do this now is to use the phone number and email contact form on the governor's website, governor.mo.gov.
- Spreading the word!

If the execution proceeds as now scheduled, please plan to attend the vigil here at Visitation on June 6 at 5:45 pm in the St. Joseph Chapel.

For more information about Michael, use this link to view his clemency petition which has been submitted to the governor. There, you will see the letters quoted here, more of his art and much more.

<https://bit.ly/MichaelClemencyApp>

SOCIAL CONCERNS

REFUGEE ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!



The Visitation Refugee Assistance Committee is currently *collecting* items to help a new Kansas City resident set up a new home! If you want to donate items, please click this QR code:



Helpers are also needed. If you are willing to help clean, sort, organize or move, please use this QR code:



If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Julie Morrand jgmorrand@yahoo.com or Mike Morrand at MJM2U2.mm@gmail.com.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

LINEN MINISTRY - HELP NEEDED

There are many gifts in a parish community and many needs. At the moment, we need a few more volunteers to launder and iron the white linen purificators (that look like linen napkins) that are used at Mass each week. We use around 15-20 purificators each week, some towels and one or two tablecloths. This labor of faithful service can be done at home. If you can help one month of the year or one Sunday of the year, please contact Alejandro Manso at alejandro@church.visitation.org.

PASTORAL CARE

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - KNIT, GIVE, PRAY

Join others in the parish community to put your knitting or crocheting skills to work and make a difference in someone's life. The Women of Vis, in partnership with Visitation Pastoral Care, formed the Prayer Shawl ministry in 2015. Prayer shawls are created by members of this group and given to members of the parish who are ill, homebound or experiencing loss of any kind. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from 7:00 - 9:00 pm in the Hospitality room. Everyone is welcome - those who already knit and crochet as well as those who wish to learn. Bring your ideas! Questions can be directed to Barb Truta at barbtruta@gmail.com.

PASTORAL CARE MINISTERS

We are looking for people who are interested in the care of our parishioners who may be homebound, in the hospital, or need a phone call or card. A pastoral care minister may take the Eucharist to a parishioner in their home or hospital. Perhaps you would like to help with funeral meals and would like to be part of the funeral meal teams as a team member or captain. Pastoral care can also be with Helping Hands (meal trains) or Keep in Touch, (checking on our parishioners via a phone call) or delivering Baskets of Joy.

Pastoral Care also is responsible for prayer requests, funeral planning and the Sacrament of Anointing. The Sacrament of the Anointing is offered to those who are sick (mental or physical) or having surgery, not only at the time of death. Contact Chris Sanders at chris@church.visitation.org or 816-381-6915.

RACIAL JUSTICE



VISITATION RACIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

One of the stated missions of the Vis Racial Justice committee is to “Look at our own biases, reflect on and develop our own Christian rooted response to racism.” In addition we seek to “offer or promote opportunities to continue our education on the topic of racial diversity.” To that end—we share this invitation:

Local nonprofit American Public Square is hosting an important event on Wednesday, June 7 at University Academy on the topic of “Reparations in KC.” Here’s how the program is being described:

Kansas City is on the clock... In January, the Kansas City Council approved a new commission tasked with looking into slavery reparations for Black residents. The panel has been given 12 months to produce recommendations on how the city can “make amends for its participation in the sanctioning of the enslavement of Black people and historical enforcement of segregation.” This question is part of a much larger debate: What does society owe the descendants of enslaved people? How can we measure the harms caused by slavery? Who decides what ought to be done to repair those harms, and who should pay? And amid increased polarization, will slavery reparations only aggravate racial tensions in Kansas City? Join American Public Square and KCPBS on Wednesday, June 7 to listen to a panel of experts deliberate these very questions.

Panelists include: former Evanston, Illinois Councilwoman, Robin Rue Simmons, who led that town’s effort to pass legislation to approve reparations; Councilwoman Melissa Robinson from Kansas City, Missouri, District 3, who championed the ordinance to form the Kansas City commission which will recommend a plan on reparations; Mr. Mickey Dean, a member of the KC Reparations Coalition; and Mr. Ron Christie, an American Government relations expert and Republican political strategist. The moderated panel will be led by Nick Haines of Kansas City PBS.

Doors open at 5:30pm; the formal program will run from 6:00-7:30pm. Kansas City PBS will record and rebroadcast the event. Click [here](#) for more details and to register for this free event.

PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN



REGISTER FOR PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN 4.0 WORKSHOP MONDAY, JUNE 5 FROM 6:30 AM- 9:30 PM IN TIGHE HALL

Don’t wait until life gets crazy right before school starts to take care of these requirements. There is a lot to do if you want to volunteer at the school or the parish. This includes helping with lunches, being a room mom or dad, volunteering in the nursery, with school of religion or Vacation Bible School - this list goes on. Please see below:

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph **REQUIRES** all parish and school employees and volunteers who work with children (school and childcare volunteers, coaches chaperones, SOR teachers, youth ministers, sacristans and Confirmation leaders) to take this workshop, register for a background check, sign an Ethics and Integrity in Ministry statement, take an on-line Mandated Reporter course and sign and Mandated reporter acknowledgement. If you plan to volunteer with children in the parish or the school, please complete these requirements. Register online at www.virtus.org. Click on registration, then select the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, MO. You may expect to spend 2 hours completing this process. If you have any questions, please call Janet Ridder at 816-381-6910.

ABOUT TOWN

PRAYER VIGIL FOR THE FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART

Thursday, June 15 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church

10901 Johnson Drive, Shawnee KS at 7:00 pm

The prayer vigil will include the Vespers, Act of Reparation, Litany of the Sacred Heart and Chaplet of the Sacred Heart.

BISHOP LILLIS HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1966 REUNION

Reunion in June! For more information, classmates should contact ulasala@outlook.com or 816-587-3732.

MONASTIC EXPERIENCE - JUNE 23 - 29, 2023

BENEDICTINE SISTERS OF PERPETUAL ADORATION IN CLYDE, MISSOURI

For single women, age 18-40, who are considering religious life. There is no cost to attend. For more information or to learn about upcoming Monastic Experiences, including virtual opportunities, please contact Sister Maria Victoria at vocation@benedictinesisters.org, call 660-944-2221 x127 or visit www.BenedictineSisters.org and click on Vocations/Walk With Us.

SILENT WOMEN'S IGNATIAN RETREAT BY SHARON DORAN: WOMEN OF HOPE WHO FIND GOD IN ALL THINGS

Get away from the hectic pace of life and take time to deepen your relationship with God by engaging your heart, mind, body and eternal soul. Hear God speak to your heart in the community of silence. There will be 11 preached conferences by Sharon Doran who combines her love of Sacred Scripture with the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius.

August 24-27, at Creighton University Retreat Center in Griswold, IA, 1 hour east of Omaha and 1.5 hours west of Des Moines. Cost for lodging, meals and retreat: \$425. Check-in between 4:30-5:30 pm on Thursday & concludes Sunday at 2:30 pm. Register at creighton.edu/curc or by using this QR code:



COUNSELING/SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Life can be very stressful. If you would like to find more ways to handle stress, consider counseling. Fr. Garry Richmeier is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist providing counseling and Spiritual Direction. He has offices in Liberty and at St James Church Midtown and accepts donations in lieu of a set fee. You can contact Fr. Garry at 816-415-2998 (no text) or garrycpps@gmail.com.

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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VISIT THE PARISH WEBSITE OR USE QR CODE AT RIGHT TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD.



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ADULT AND TEEN VOLUNTEERS needed for Vacation Bible School July 17-20!

Adult volunteers receive a discount when they register their child. Youth in 5th grade and older are invited to volunteer as Group Leaders. Use the QR code above to signup as a volunteer or contact VBS co-chairs:

Tracy Valenti at terwin306@yahoo.com

Nicole Craig at nicolebcraig@gmail.com

GOLDEN SHAMROCKS

IT'S TIME FOR THE VISITATION GOLDEN SHAMROCKS

Summer Picnic

Tuesday, June 6 12:00 Noon
Loose Park Shelter



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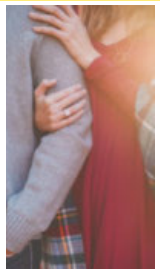
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MARRIAGE PREPARATION

ENGAGED COUPLES

Congratulations on your Engagement! Visitation welcomes you into the marriage preparation process that will enrich and equip you to experience a joy-filled marriage. Visitation's engaged couples who are preparing for marriage are guided in an insightful and life-giving marriage preparation process. Our process helps form essential marriage tools and establish a closer connection with our parish community. The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph sets the expectation that engaged couples will notify parishes at least nine months in advance of their weddings in order to participate fully in preparation for the sacrament of marriage. Over the years our parish community has learned this and, without exception, contacts the parish as soon as they are engaged. For the most part people have to do that in order to get the church and reception site dates lined up well in advance of nine months. More recently, couples who are going "home" (out of Kansas City) to be married have contacted the parish three - six months before their weddings which does not allow adequate time. To be fair to those couples themselves and to the 40+ couples currently in marriage preparation at Visitation, if you are newly engaged, please contact our pastoral associate, Chris Sanders at 753-5155 x1309 or chris@church.visitation.org so we can begin your new journey to married life.





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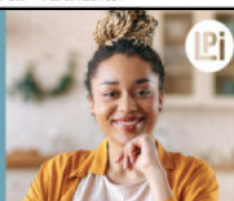
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