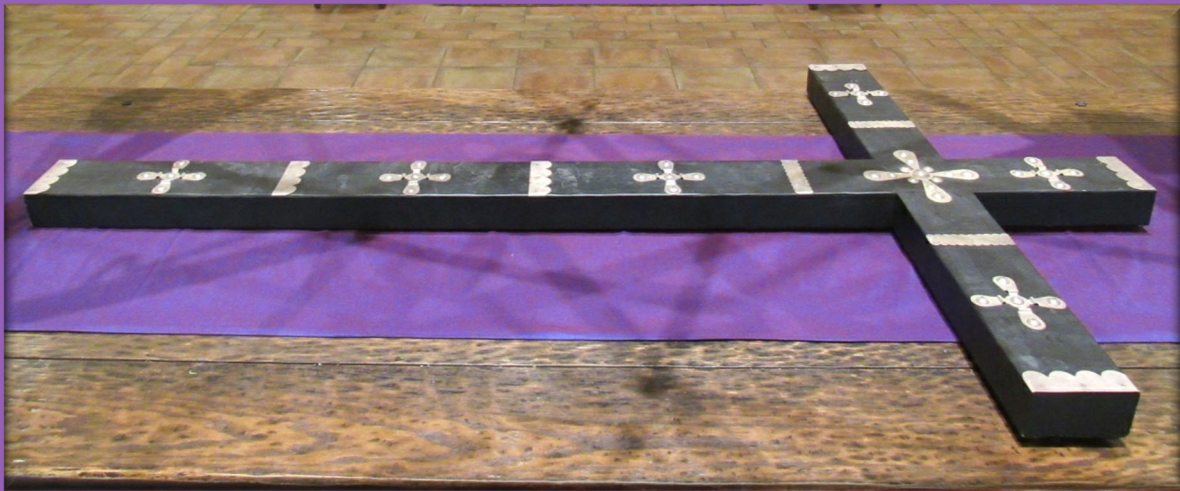


THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

VISITATION PARISH

MARCH 12, 2023



THE SEASON OF LENT

- ‡ **Pray** ~ Our St. Joseph and Blessed Sacrament chapels, and our church nave are open during the day for personal prayer. On Mondays, they remain open until 6:30 pm for parish children and their families. After the weekday 8:15 am Mass, the Rosary is prayed in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. On Wednesday, there is Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the St. Joseph Chapel from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Catholics are encouraged to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for Easter. Our Parish Communal Penance Service is Wednesday, March 22 at 6:00 pm.
- ‡ **Fast and abstain** ~ Persons between the ages of 18 and 59 are asked to keep a simple fast (one full meal plus two smaller meals that together do not equal one full meal and no snacking) on Good Friday. Persons over the age of 14 are asked to abstain from eating meat on all Fridays of Lent.
- ‡ **Give Alms** ~ Opportunities for generosity include: Rice Bowl (benefits Catholic Relief Services) throughout the season; Catholic Relief Services Collection (overseas emergency aid) on the March 18-19 weekend; and the Good Friday Collection on April 7 (benefits Christians in the Holy Land).

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



SCHOOL OF RELIGION

NO S.O.R. CLASS during Spring Break, March 13 and March 20. Classes resume on March 27 from 5:15 – 6:15 pm in St. Joseph Chapel.

SAVE THE DATE: APRIL 13 “CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION ABOUT RACISM AND OUR FAITH” at St. Monica Church with Bishop Johnston.

SAVE THE DATE: APRIL 19 SUPPER SERIES continues with Lesson 3 from Bishop Barron’s docuseries “The Creed.”

BLACK HISTORY MONTH BOOKS

Thanks to all who took advantage of our Black History Month book cart. If you checked a book out and haven’t returned it, please just return to the church office when you’re finished. Also, know that these books are available in the church library year round.

CONFIRMATION

No Confirmation Class this week—our next session is March 19.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

Please join us for our Lenten Penance Service on Wednesday, March 22 at 6:00 pm.



WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

PRAYING FOR OTHERS HELPS US STAY CONNECTED TO GOD AND TO ONE ANOTHER.

REMEMBER OUR SICK

Pamela Atherton
Maggie Quirarte Bates
Marilyn Frechin Blank
Leonardo Borders
Chase Brundridge
Mike Caraway
Shari Caraway
Marianne Carl
Beverly Cascone
Mary Beth Cicchetti
Olivia Connealy
Jean Cummings
Allie May Dudenhoefter
Bill Fuss
Shana Gadt
Brooke Kuechler Harris
Mike Henninger
Joe Irwin
William Jewell
Erin Kallman
Jaquie Kallman
Shirley Kempker
Marriane Kersten
Kevin Koch
John Langle
Bryan Larson
Betsy Lazere
Jeanne Lendabarker
Anthony Lipari, Sr.
Mary Lipari
Jorge Maldonado

Scott Martens
Priscilla McInnes
Tim McNamara
Thomas McNamara
Tricia Melland
Birdie Mendence
Andy Metzler
Lionel Morgan
Dede Murphy
Jennifer Olson
Charles Oppenlander
Nicholas Parscale
Nicola Pistone
Kat Potter
Peggy Pruitt
Ruth Quirarte
Quinn Regan
Ellie Rose
The Ryan Family
The Saalberg Family
Fran Schuetz
Barbara Schulte
Aimee Sesler
Sandra Sharp
Bill Stone
Special Intention
Jeannie Sullivan
Salvador Valldeperas, Sr.
Annabelle Whalen
Dave Wittrock
Leigh Ann Zeller

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.

FUNERAL MEAL TEAMS

On Deck: Team # 9
On Alert: Team # 1

MASS INTENTIONS FOR MARCH 14-19

Tuesday, March 14
6:45 am Michelle Chollet †
8:15 am Matthew Koester †

Wednesday, March 15
6:45 am Richard & Kathleen Connor †
8:15 am Luke & Leona Loyd

Thursday, March 16
6:45 am Maria Chalk †

Friday, March 17
8:15 am Susan Mitchell †

Saturday, March 18
8:15am Marialice Searcy †
4:00 pm Dorothy Condellone Ley †

Sunday, March 19
8:00 am For the People of Visitation
10:30 am Michael Saracini †

LITURGICAL MINISTERS MARCH 18-19

		4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
ALTAR SERVERS	S. Munjak-Khoury J. Myre sub req T. Saxe	D. Britt sub req B. Burns J. Deekan	J. Harkness J. Lynch J. Canino	
	C. Brain S. Bastasch C. Carmosino B. Roewe J. Waldrup	Addie Thompson G. Smith H. Shinn C. Jackson J. McGee	T. McCray A. Adams L. Meyers J. Call G. O'Brien J. Miller	
E MS	D. Brain	T. Dakan	S. Derks	
LECTOR	A. Barber S. Barone	M. Dakan Christopher Schorgl NOT FILLED	G. Canino J. Canino NOT FILLED	
USHERS	D. Laird	E. Johnson	S. McCray	
SACRISTAN				

PARISH BOUNDARIES

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

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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 2022-23

Bill Dunn	Ryan Larson
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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

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH



All are warmly welcomed to the Visitation **Christ Renews His Parish Retreat 2023!** This retreat is focused on personal and community faith renewal and refreshment. Together we will learn, pray, share and reflect on God's calling, and revitalize our faithfulness.

Scan the QR code to register.
Please join us on March 25 & 26!



Quotes:

Teresa Albright, CRHP participant

"CRHP broke the surface of this community for me and reminded me of what Scripture is always trying to tell us and what Jesus is always demonstrating for us. That is, we are loved by God, that each person and their story matters, that praying together is sacramental and that each of us is called by the Holy Spirit on a mission that serves the church of Christ and the common good."

PASTORAL CARE

FUNERAL MEAL TEAM THANK YOU

On behalf of the parish community we thank our **Women of Vis Funeral Meal Team # 8** who prepared and served one of our parish families this past month. **Team Leaders: Virginia Coppinger and Mary North.** Team members: Mary Agnes Alderman, Sina Beil, Diane Coffey, Anne Connor, Sheila Dungan, Jenny Greene, Roberta Kraus, Eileen Larson, Gloria Lipari, Anne McGee, Julie Niemuth, Julie Olivas, Ruth Quirarte, Theresia Ritchie, Nancy Schorgl and Sue Sullivan. We are so grateful for you.

WANTED: FUNERAL MEAL CAPTAINS

Our Women of Visitation Funeral Meal Ministry is in great need of new funeral meal team captains. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, contact Kathy Diamond, kathypauldiamond@gmail.com; Amy Thompson, amywiedemanthompson@gmail.com or Linda Williams, williamslindasue@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.

RACIAL JUSTICE



As VIS RJC continues to grow and evolve, we see our work falling into three categories:

Celebrations (i.e. MLK prayer service)

Service Projects (anticipated 2023-24 for Vis School with Our Lady of Hope and St. Regis schools) and

Education/Formation (Cristo Rey Interns, Just Faith sessions, BHM book cart, etc.). And as we continue in this process, communication work is continuous.

This week we want to mention two opportunities to consider as ways of participating and honoring the gifts of diversity God has created.

- Visit the Nelson Atkins Museum some day this month where the portrait of Marian Anderson by Beauford Delaney is ensconced in the Nelson Gallery 219. It's on loan so it won't be in KC forever. There are several other paintings by Black artists in that same gallery 219, including a favorite twosome, *The Lynch Family*. <https://tinyurl.com/yhv4ep86>



of



- *Watch Bill Russell: Legend* on Netflix. Bill Russell, the winningest NBA champion and civil rights icon, was larger than life, literally and figuratively. Sit down alone or with friends or with your kids and take in this film that is a lesson in basketball, in recent history and in civil rights. It is a magnificent testament to how one man used the gifts he was given to make a difference for good and for right. Inspirational for any and all of us trying to figure out how to use

our gifts to make a difference for good. Watch it—and talk about it! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ryHHifvsVwQ>

Visitation
A CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

*Please Pray
for our Elect
and Candidates*



R.J. Trowbridge
Candidate



Dylan Blanck
Candidate



Sangwon Lee
Elect



Kenton Westervelt
Elect



ABOUT TOWN



“There is nothing more truly artistic than to love people.”

-Vincent van Gogh

Catholic Charities of Kansas City-St. Joseph would like you to join us for our 2023 Celebration of Hope Gala at the Nelson Atkins Museum, where all can enjoy the art in their care and through its broad collection, the depths and complexities of human experiences that we all share.

- Become a sponsor, <https://www.catholiccharitiesgala.org/becomeasponsor> or
- Purchase tickets, <https://www.catholiccharitiesgala.org/individualetickets> or
- Make a patron gift, <https://ww.catholiccharitiesgala.org/makeagift> to support the 2023 Celebration of Hope!

GOLF TOURNAMENT



SAVE THE DATE TO SUPPORT
VISITATION ATHLETICS!

May 11, 2023
1 pm shotgun

Hillcrest Golf
Course

This will be in lieu of a fall golf tournament. More information to follow, but please mark your calendar!
Questions? Email emilygretzinger@gmail.com

*Great grub
for a
great cause!*

  
Visitation's
dining out
program

Upcoming

SAT, MARCH 25: DONUTOLOGY

THUR, APRIL 13: CULVER'S • STATE LINE

TUES, MAY 2: CHUY'S • PLAZA

FRI, MAY 26: YOGURTINI • SOUTH PLAZA



New Date to Be Announced
APRIL 2023: SPIN • SOUTH PLAZA



SOCIAL CONCERNS

CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME

Does the idea of a Green Team at Visitation spark an interest for you? Would you like to connect with others to learn more about ecological justice and protecting our environment for future generations? Do you recycle? Do you compost? Do you want to learn and share more ways to help create a sustainable and hope-filled future? If so, please reach out to Larry Guillot, Visitation Social Concerns Committee at guillotlawrence@gmail.com or Karen Miller at karen@church.visitation.org.



CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICE RICE BOWL SOCCER AND A BROKEN RESERVOIR

In the Dry Corridor of Honduras, climate change causes persistent drought, making farming nearly impossible. With support from Catholic Relief Services, Rony, a farmer, repaired an old reservoir and installed a new irrigation system to improve his harvests. Now Rony can send his son to a soccer academy to pursue his dream of becoming a professional player. How can you work like Rony to support others' needs and dreams? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

SISTER PARISH

Another medical delegation is in the works! If you are a doctor, nurse, physical therapist or any other type of practitioner, you are needed! For more information, email or call Jeph or Cherie Burroughs Scanlon at caburroughs@hotmail.com, lilysdadkc@gmail.com, 816-786-5374 or 816-444-6346.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER/VISITATION COMMUNITY GARDEN

The St. Francis Xavier/Visitation Food Pantry garden is swinging into action for the upcoming 2023 gardening season. All garden produce is used to fill orders at the St. Francis Xavier Food Pantry and any excess produce is donated to Kanbe's Markets. If you're interested in participating in the garden, please meet at St. Francis Xavier on Saturday, March 18 at 9:30 am to top off the gardening beds with soil and compost and/or Saturday, March 25 at 9:30 am to put some seeds and plants in the ground. If you have any questions, please email Alison Dudley at AlisonDudleyKC@gmail.com or Kelly Rawlings at KellyMRawlings@gmail.com.



SOCIAL CONCERNS

FROM BISHOP SULLIVAN CENTER

Dear Visitation Friends,

Thank you for your recent donation.

We recently assisted Velma, an 86 year-old woman who raised her children as a single mom. She has owned her home for 60 years, and has never received assistance except for a window air conditioner that we provided her about 14 years ago.

Velma has an old furnace that causes her gas bill to be really high and her home needs some serious repairs including a new roof. She has been on a payment plan for her gas bill, but can no longer afford the payment. We were able to help Velma with her gas bill so that she could save money for a new roof and other home repairs. Velma was grateful for the assistance.

Thank you for making a difference to Velma and so many others.

With Gratitude,

Michelle Carlstedt
Bishop Sullivan Center Director



FROM RECONCILIATION SERVICES

Dear Visitation Parish,

Your generosity is transforming lives in the community!

You helped secure stabilizing social and mental health services, provide access to healthy Thelma's Box Lunches and lay the ground work for serving even more neighbors.

Here's what you helped make possible in 2022:

- Enabled 71 Foster Grandparents to offer 25,000 + hours of mentoring & support for 310 at-risk students.
- 2,021 vital IDs/Documents provided for 1,779 clients.
- Nearly 4,000 hours of case management, case support and therapy offered.
- More than 6,000 no-cost Thelma's Box Lunches shared with food-insecure neighbors.
- 2,546 volunteer hours served in Thelma's Kitchen.

We are so grateful for your support. Thank you!

For those we Serve,

Fr. Justin Mathews
Executive Director



GOLDEN SHAMROCKS

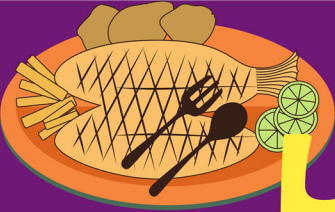
potLuck of the Irish

ST. PATRICK'S DAY LUNCHEON
FRIDAY, MARCH 17 - 12:00 NOON -
TIGHE HALL



Bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share . . .
meat (the Bishop is allowing meat this day),
bread & beverages provided by the parish. After
lunch, we will fill Easter eggs for charity. In
lieu of our usual free will offering, bring a bag
of small wrapped candy that will fit inside
Easter eggs. For planning purposes, please
RSVP to 816-753-7422.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



VISITATION KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

LENTEN FISH FRY DINNER



ONLY ONE DINNER REMAINING - FRIDAY, MARCH 31

5:30-7:30 PM TIGHE HALL

COST: \$15 ADULTS, \$10 K-8, \$45 FAMILY, UNDER K FREE.

MENU: FRIED CATFISH, BAKED TILAPIA, FISH TACOS, CHEESE PIZZA, MAC & CHEESE, GREEN BEANS,
COLE SLAW, FRENCH FRIES & FRESH-BAKED ROLLS. CASH BAR AVAILABLE.

7TH GRADE SELLING ICE CREAM FOR DESSERT.