ASCENSION SUNDAY VISITATION PARISH MAY 21, 2023



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 8TH GRADE GRADUATES!

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

TOMORROW'S PRIEST COLLECTION

Today's second envelope supports priest formation in our diocese. An envelope for this purpose may be found in your packets. If you did not bring your envelope today, you may do so next week or contribute to this collection on our online giving page.

The Visitation Music Ministry presents Easter Season Concert



Sunday, May 21 Reception following in the narthex



VIS ON MAIN PODCAST EPISODE 4 NOW STREAMING: Host and Faith Formation Team Member Lorraine Gordon speaks with

parishioners Dave Ekerdt and Steve Engler about the latest news from the Synod on Synodality. Listen at <u>www.visonmainkc.com/podcast</u>.

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!



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Join our Prayer Shawl Ministry! We are happy to teach you to knit or crochet and we have yarn available for projects! We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from 7:00 - 9:00 pm. If you have questions, you may reach Barb Truta at barbtruta@gmail.com.

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

REMEMBER OUR SICK

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

Priscilla McInnes Mike McIntosh Tim McNamara Thomas McNamara Tricia Melland Birdie Mendence Andv Metzler Lionel Morgan Dede Murphy Krystal Nemetz Jennifer Olson Charles Oppenlander Nicholas Parscale Nicola Pistone Kat Potter Peggy Pruitt Ruth Quirarte Quinn Regan Theresia Ritchie 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

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 # 2

MASS INTENTIONS FOR MAY 23-28		LITURGICAL MINISTERS MAY 27-28					
		4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM			
Tuesday, May 23 6:45 am Donna Seigfreid † 8:15 am Jerry Handley †	ALTAR SERVERS	A. Evett N. Evett D. Torline	G. Greim T. Hagenhoff E. Orscheln	J. Harkness NOT FILLED L. Gaarder			
Wednesday, May 24 6:45 am Lois Berres † 8:15 am Jerry Handley †		D. Pucci S. Bastasch B. Bownik C. Brain	K. Banes P. Banes J. Grego C. Jackson	T. Mayer J. Olivas C. Fryer S. Derks			
Thursday, May 25 6:45 am Tom Dubbert †	E Ms	Kev Connor sub req S. Derks sub req	C. Schorgl K. Strauss Stephen Miller Susan Miller A. Lueke	J. Waldrup K. Esslinger B. Roewe C. Carmosino L. Meyers			
Friday, May 26 8:15 am Visitation Students		T. Egan K. Hughes M. Cicchetti					
Saturday, May 27 8:15am Tom Dubbert † 4:00 pm People of Visitation	LECTOR	J. Evett	E. Greim	D. Closson			
Sunday, May 28 8:00 am Kay St. Peter † 10:30 am Bob Wittman †	SACRISTAN USHERS	S. Barone M. Evett	M. Dakan T. Dakan	M. Gunter J. Mateski			
		C. Ruiz	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

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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

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SISTER PARISH

Thank You Visitation!

Thank you, Visitation, for making Padre and Wendy feel so welcomed by our parish community! They began the visit at the parish office where they met Monsignor and Alejandro to discuss the weekend liturgies, followed by a luncheon with the office staff. The next day, they were able to visit the school where many of the classes prepared songs in Spanish to share with Padre and Wendy. The 7th grade students presented books collected at the annual book fair and gifts and blessed them with a special prayer they learned in Spanish. On Friday evening, a reception for the Madre Steering Committee members was well attended by long time Madre supporters along with many



new members of the Committee. Mary Lipari, who hand writes the translations to every letter from the sponsored children and to sponsored children came and was able to meet Padre for the first time! Padre did a wonderful job addressing our community at weekend Masses with our own parishioner, Ivette de la Paz, interpreting for him. Saturday night, after the 4:00 pm Mass there were several people who joined the Steering Committee in Tighe Hall to break bread together. Thank you, Bill Staggs, for photographing the event! Finally, after the 10:30 Mass on Sunday, Wendy presented Monsignor with a beautiful hand made stole with both Madre and Visitation logos and the image of Saint Oscar Romero and a handmade picture representing the 35 years we have been in a sister parish relationship with them! Your kindnesses and support is a beautiful witness of our Church "doing bigger things together" as Padre said so perfectly this weekend.

Thank you again,

Madre Steering Committee





RACIAL JUSTICE

All Are Invited to Film Event on May 24 at 7:00 pm in Tighe Hall

George Floyd's death was a moment for our country and many among us to examine our collective and individual consciences and renew efforts to build a more racially just country. The work of the parish Racial Justice Committee was borne of that pain and for the past two years the committee has worked educate ourselves and to raise awareness of issues disproportionately affecting people of color.



On **Wednesday evening, May 24**, the RJC invites parishioners and friends to join them in Tighe Hall to view <u>Aftershock</u>, an award-winning 2022 documentary highlighting the US maternal health crisis. The 90-minute film will begin at 7:00 pm, followed by the opportunity for a 30-minute discussion.

In a recent article, KCUR's Noah Taborda notes "between 2018 and 2020, Missouri had the 12th highest maternal mortality rate in the country, and Kansas had the 17th highest, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation. In 2020, Kansas had the 12th highest infant mortality rate and Missouri the 19th highest, according to the CDC." Locally, Marvia Jones, director of the Kansas City Missouri Health Department, is particularly concerned that mortality and morbidity rates for white women are improving in Kansas City but not rates for women of color, especially Black women.

According to Meg Cunningham with the KC Beacon, "a majority of pregnancy-related deaths in Missouri occur between 43 days and one year postpartum. Advocates and health care professionals say extending Medicaid coverage is one way to help mitigate those deaths." Recent bipartisan efforts in Jefferson City could result in the extension of Medicaid access to mothers after the birth of their children.

Read more at: https://kcbeacon.org/stories/2023/05/12/missouri-postpartum-medicaid-expansion-2023/

We hope to see you on May 24 in Tighe Hall for the 7:00 pm movie Aftershock.

Learn more about the documentary: <u>https://www.aftershockdocumentary.com/</u>.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

PLAN AHEAD—REGISTER FOR PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN 4.0 WORKSHOP ON 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

MARIAN CONFERENCE 2023

Catholics are joined together in faith, as we adore Jesus at the foot of the Cross, along with His Mother Mary, the Queen of Heaven and Earth. She is our life, our sweetness, and our hope. Praise God! We come to give ourselves to Mary, as Jesus gave her to us from the Cross. *Free admission *Donations *Meals *Adoration *Confession *Relics *Music *Food *Vendors

- June 16 and 17 at St. John LaLande Catholic Church -June 16: Registration and finger foods at 4:45 pm. Conference opens at 5:45 pm, Last Speaker ends at 9:00 pm. June 17: Benediction, Divine Mercy Chaplet
6:30 am, Breakfast 7:30 am, first Speaker starts at
8:15 am, last Speaker ends with Mass at 4:30 pm.
June 18 at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church
June 18: Mass at 11:00 am, brunch at 12:15 pm,
first Speaker 1:25 pm, last Speaker ends at 4:45 pm
Please prayerfully consider making a donation to our

conference. Make checks payable to St Robert Bellarmine Marian Conference 2023. For more information on speakers and agenda go to:

https://www.srbcatholic.org/marian-conference.



SPRING CLEAN UP AT MARTIN LUTHER KING PARK KANSAS CITY, MO SATURDAY, JUNE 3 FROM 8:30 - 11:00 AM

To care for our common home, volunteers of all ages are invited to join the Jesuit Friends and Alumni Network of Kansas City anytime from 8:30-11:00 am on Saturday, June 6, to help clean up MLK Park at Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Woodland Avenue. Refreshments provided. RSVP not required but appreciated at https://tinyurl.com/49shpe52

GOING THE DISTANCE RACE FOR BRAIN INJURY—MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 29, LOOSE PARK VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

To Volunteer- go to and click on volunteer: https://tinyurl.com/2mrksavr

- Race Set up: 6:00 am -7:30 am
- Registration: 6:30 am 8:30 am
- Water Stations: 7:30 am -10:30 am
- Course Monitors: 7:30 am 10:30 am
- Finish Line water station: 8:30 am -10:30 am
- Break down race: 9:45 am -10:45 am
- For more information: bjacobson@biaks.or or jluttman@biaks.org

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.



SOCIAL CONCERNS



REFUGEE ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

Items are needed to help a new family create a home here in Kansas City. We also need volunteers to help move, clean and organize the new space. Please go to our parish website or watch for email

communications with a Sign-Up Genius link to see ways you can participate. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Julie Morrand at jgmorrand@yahoo.com or Mike Morrand at MJM2U2.mm@gmail.com.

VISITATION HABITAT BUILD DATE on Saturday, June 17 from 8:30 am-3:30 pm! Please call or email Karen Miller at karen@church.visitation.org or 816-753-7422 to reserve a spot!

Registration closes at 12:00 pm on Friday, June 2.

Construction Volunteer Information:

- Construction volunteers do not need to have any prior experience in construction or bring any of their own tools; we will give you all of the education and tools you need!
- All registered volunteers will receive their assignment location via automated email 3 days prior to the volunteer day.
- In case of inclement weather, please call our Weather Hotline at 816-897-7799 to hear the recorded message for any cancellations or changes. We update the message by 7:15 am each morning.
- We ask that all volunteers stay the full day, from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm
- We will have 30 minutes set aside for lunch time. You will need to provide your own lunches. Feel free to bring your lunch or have lunch delivered to the site.
- We highly recommend you bring a water bottle with you.
- Please wear clothes you don't mind getting dirt, mud or house paint on, and wear sturdy/closed toe and heeled shoes (NO flip flops, sandals or crocs!) If you have work gloves, please bring them.
- Dress for the weather. If there has been rain on previous days, be prepared for the sites to be muddy.
- The use, purchase and possession of alcohol, drugs and weapons are forbidden on Habitat KC property and volunteer sites.
- All volunteers must be 16 or older to volunteer.

WEEKLY FOOD COLLECTION FOR REDEMPTORIST SOCIAL SERVICES

Next week's food collection benefits Redemptorist Social Services Center, one of the largest food pantries in Jackson County. They have been serving the poor and elderly in our community for almost 30 years. They help their clients address basic needs ranging from providing food, clothing, utility and medical needs to legal assistance, transportation and senior services. Food assistance is available through their food pantry open Monday through Friday. They are grateful for any food they receive but they also have a huge need for hygiene items such as toothpaste, deodorant, toilet paper and shampoo.



FINANCIAL

April Contribution Income was short of budget by \$19,832 or 6.69%. This month's deficit in contributions has increased the year-to-date shortfall to \$42,869 or 1% of budget. The good news is that Other Income, which includes ministries, program fees, miscellaneous one-time donations, school tuition, registration fees and before/after care fees exceeded budget by \$16,642.

Parish expenses, were under budget this month by \$16,868 due to lower than anticipated facilities and operational expenses. This cost savings reduced the negative variance in Operating Income, leaving the Parish Net Income over budget by \$13,678 for the month.

This month's deficit in contribution income increased the negative variance in year-to-date contribution income to \$42,869 or 1.1%, while Other Income exceeded

			Month of April 2023						
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			Actual		Budget	Difference			
	Contribution Income	\$	276,640	Ş	296,472 \$	(19,832)			
	Other Income	\$	47,537	\$	<u>30,895 \$</u>	16,642			
	Total Operating Income	\$	324,178	\$	327,367 \$	(3,189)			
	Operating Expense	\$	399,664	\$	<u>416,532 \$</u>	16,868			
	Net	\$	(75,487)	\$	(89,165) \$	13,678			
					scal YTD (July-April)				
			Actual		Budget	Difference			
et	Contribution Income	\$	3,718,350	\$	3,761,218 \$	(42,869)			
ει	Other Income	\$	1,060,349	\$	<u>1,002,653</u> \$	57,696			
	Total Operating Income	\$	4,778,699	\$	4,763,872 \$	14,827			
	Operating Expense	\$	4,364,788	\$	<u>4,349,131 \$</u>	(15,657)			
	Net	\$	413,911	\$	414,741 \$	(830)			
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or		Fiscal YTD This Fiscal YTD Last							
			Year		Year	Difference			
	Contribution Income	\$	3,718,350	Ş	3,851,344 \$	(132,994)			
	Other Income	\$	1,060,349	\$	<u>913,231 \$</u>	147,118			
	Total Operating Income	\$	4,778,699	\$	4,764,575 \$	14,124			
	Operating Expense	\$	4,364,788	\$	<u>4,343,039 \$</u>	(21,749)			
	Net	\$	413,911	\$	421,536 \$	(7,625)			

budget for the year-to-date by \$57,696. This shortfall in contributions reduced our positive year-to-date income from \$18,009 to \$16,868 ahead of budget. Parish Operating Expenses for the year-to-date, however, exceeded budget by 15,657, or 0.4%, driven primarily by higher than anticipated utilities and a variety of unbudgeted facility and maintenance expenditures in both the Church and School. Adding these expense overages to the contribution excess produced a negative variance in Parish Net Income of only \$830 or 0.2% for the year-to-date. Please note that Extraordinary Income, which includes capital improvement fund donations, memorials, wills and bequests are not reflected in our normal operating results and have generated a surplus of over \$304,592 so far this year which will offset the negative variance in Net Operating Income for the fiscal year. Compared to last fiscal year Parish Income shows a surplus of \$14,124, while operating expenses are higher by \$21,749 - creating a negative difference of \$7,625.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Isaac Uzcanga-Business Manager

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.

SYNOD

There is so much to explore about the Synod on Synodality at <u>www.synod.va</u> starting with this infographic about the People of God.

> "Synodality is the way of being the Church today according to the will of God, in a dynamic of discerning and listening together to the voice of the Holy Spirit."

Pope Francis

What defines the People of God?

It is a people that belongs to God. This means that it goes beyond any nation, continent, language, or race:





Its identity is to be children of God, which gives freedom and grants equal dignity to all.

Its law is the new commandment of love. "You shall love your neighbour as yourself"



Its mission is to be the light of the world by proclaiming Jesus' Good News of love, peace, and fraternity. State.



Its destiny is to live and implement in their local context a society of justice, joy, peace, love, and mutual respect.

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Being People of God means being missionary disciples who communicate to others the gifts they received.

FEAST OF THE VISITATION



Save the date! Feast of the Visitation Wednesday, May 31 Rosary 6:00 pm; Mass 6:30 pm Reception following

SCHOOL

One is a member by baptism

and by living according to the teachings of Jesus and his

Church





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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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





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 <u>terwin306@yahoo.com</u> Nicole Craig at <u>nicolebcraig@gmail.com</u>