

VISITATION CATHOLIC CHURCH - ELMHURST, IL - JULY 25, 2021

A vibrant stained glass artwork featuring a large, stylized fish in shades of blue and green, positioned diagonally across the center. Above the fish is a woven basket filled with golden-brown loaves of bread. The background is composed of various geometric shapes in warm tones of orange, red, and yellow, creating a rich, textured effect.

17<sup>th</sup>

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples, "Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted." - Jn 6:12



## WELCOME TO VISITATION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Daily Mass:** Monday-Friday, 6:15 AM, 8:15 AM

**Saturday Reconciliation:** 3:00-3:45 PM

**Regular Saturday Mass Hours:** 8:15 AM, 4:00 PM (Vigil)

**Regular Sunday Mass Hours:** 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM, 6:00 PM

### VISITATION PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Visitation Parish, a Roman Catholic Community in the Diocese of Joliet-in-Illinois, seeks to draw all to Jesus Christ, revelation of the Father and font of the Holy Spirit, by celebrating the Sacraments, educating people of all ages in the Truths of the Catholic Faith, and reaching out to those who are physically, emotionally, or spiritually in need.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 28

Craft Ladies

9:00 AM

MP

### THURSDAY, JULY 29

Prayer for Priests

8:45 AM

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FOR A COMPLETE LISTING OF ALL PARISH EVENTS,  
GO TO [VISITATIONPARISH.ORG/CALENDAR-1](http://VISITATIONPARISH.ORG/CALENDAR-1)

PH: Podesta Hall • C: Church • PC: Parish Center  
MP: Multi-purpose Room

**MASS INTENTIONS****MONDAY, JULY 26****6:15 AM**

+Robert Olson

**8:15 AM**

+Christina Miranda

**TUESDAY, JULY 27****6:15 AM**

Souls in Purgatory

**8:15 AM**

+Maureen O'Sullivan DeGeorge

+Lillian Leporis

+Robert Przygoda

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 28****6:15 AM**

Souls in Purgatory

**8:15 AM**

+Jacky Merrill

**THURSDAY, JULY 29****6:15 AM**

+Bill Sanders

**8:15 AM**

+John Kowski

+Carl Landsness

**FRIDAY, JULY 30****6:15 AM**

Souls in Purgatory

**8:15 AM**

+Joseph Guistolise

**SATURDAY, JULY 31****8:15 AM**

+Mary Elizabeth Jackson

**4:00 PM**

+Mary Ann Loewer

+Mike Osterhout

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 1****7:30 AM**

+Robert Heinen

**9:30 AM**

+Nancy Barr

+Robert Thompson

People of Visitation

**11:30 AM**

+George and Marion Raeth

+Dolly Blackmore

**6:00 PM**

+Mary McMahon

**GOSPEL REFLECTION***July 25, 2021**17th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St. Oscar Romero said, "We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is the beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest."

There were a group of ladies many years ago who made quilts. They were beautiful creations reflecting inspirational designs artfully composed from the simple scraps of fabric each woman would bring to their individual pieces. There was no plan for the finished project as each finished work became the combined creation of what each woman contributed. They abounded in vibrant colors and dazzled the beholder with intricate patterns and their myriad textures. They were so beautiful that they became coveted family treasures passed from generation to generation. Those women never realized the power of their work. Countless babies rested in the comfort of those quilts warmly nestled in the legacy of tradition they were fortunate to inherit. They adorned countless homes with their beauty and brought joy and solace to many faces.

We cannot do everything. We are not meant to. Our work in life is to contribute our individual piece, a piece that reflects the unique thumbprint I claim as my own. We only have to do small things well. Then, as St. Oscar Romero reminds us, the Lord's grace will enter and do the rest. We have to trust that this is true just as those women trusted in the eventual beauty of their final work.

Eucharistic blessings are blessings that start small and multiply. We all come to life with only a few loaves of bread and a few fish. Not any single one of us has all that it takes to transform our world. Who knows what God will do with the little we have and how many will benefit from our kindness, compassion, wisdom, courage, conviction, love, warmth, zeal, faith, and hope? That young lad never dreamed that his few leftovers would do all that they did. God shows up in unexpected ways! Where would life's adventure and fun be if it were any other way? Being able to be part of bringing God's creative, transforming, healing to the world opens us up to wonder, awe, and excitement! We can all bring our little piece to the bigger work of God that can result in being a coveted jewel passed generation to generation. This is good news indeed!

Bread and wine transform into Christ's Body and Blood and we become what we eat. Trust that.

**Readings for the week of July 25, 2021**

<b>Sunday:</b>	2 Kgs 4:42-44/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15
<b>Monday:</b>	Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Mt 13:31-35
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Mt 13:36-43
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Ex 34:29-35/Mt 13:44-46
<b>Thursday:</b>	Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
<b>Friday:</b>	Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Mt 13:54-58
<b>Saturday:</b>	Lv 25:1, 8-17/Mt 14:1-12
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35



## PRAY FOR OUR SICK

**Please keep these parishioners in your prayers, and all the sick and their families:**

**Fr. Miroslaw Stepien, Alice Walent, Christina Wallace, Bill Uher and Julie Cotterill**

*If you or a member of your family is ill or hospitalized and would like to be placed on our Prayer List, please call the Rectory office and let us know.*

## PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

**Please pray for all of those who have died, especially**

**James Kane**

*"Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them."*

*Would you like to add someone to the sick list? Please stop by the rectory, or call 630-834-6700. Names will remain on the list for two weeks, unless extended.*

## WEDDING BANNES

II Anthony Clementi and Alexandra DeCorrado



## GOSPEL

Jesus seemed to be surrounded by crowds a lot, didn't he? That's because no matter where he went, he helped people, he healed them, and he taught them about God. In today's Gospel reading, one crowd was following Jesus all day, and now they were getting hungry for dinner. Instead of sending them back home, Jesus showed everybody's God's amazing power. Jesus took a boy's lunch and made more than enough food for everybody to eat.



## PRAYER

Dear God, help me always to remember that you have the power to give us more than we need. Amen.

## BAPTISMS

**AVERY ROSE**

daughter of Marco and Alexa (Favia) Piemonte

**PRESTON JAMES**

son of David and Kari (Jones) Lavezzi

**AUBREY MARIE**

daughter of Daniel and Deanna (Battaglia) Green

**HAZEL JACLYN**

daughter of Mark and Jaclyn (Koch) Hood

## FLAMES OF FAITH

Candles will burn perpetually this week before the Blessed Sacrament in the Adoration Chapel of Our Lady, Mother of the Eucharist, for the following intentions:



- For the intentions of Robert Ch
- Eternal rest and repose of Maria Martinez
- For the intentions of Lance Murphy and Jamaine Fankhanel
- For my family. Praying for a miracle and healing
- For the healing of my foot



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**PLEASE NOTE:  
APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED;  
NO WALK-INS ACCEPTED!**

**ARMED FORCES PRAYER LIST**

We remember and pray for the protection of our military as they serve in our Armed Forces.

**U.S. Air Force**

**MSGT Kevin M. James** (Andrews AFB, MD)  
**AMN Natalee Arbino** (Wright Paterson, OH)  
**AMN E2 Jacob Neimanas** (Travis AFB, CA)  
**A1C Eric E. James** (Dyess AFB, Abilene, TX)

**U.S. Army**

**PFC Michael Perrone** (Germany)  
**MAJ Patrick Leen** (IL.)  
**1 LT Joseph D. Frost** (Ft. Knox, KY)  
**CPT Nicholas Keller** (Ft. Knox, KY)  
**1 LT Thomas J. Diwisch** (Fort Bragg, NC)  
**SPC Stephen J. Taylor** (Incirlik AB, Turkey)  
**1 LT Francesca Cervone** (Fairbanks, AK)  
**1 LT Nathaniel A. Greenberg** (Ft Leonard Wood, MO)  
**CPT Kathleen M. Donofrio** (Afghanistan)

**U.S. Army National Guard**

**PVT Christopher J Slowinski** (Ft. Leonard Wood, MO)  
**MAJ Joseph Doyle** (ID)  
**CPL James Kotowski** (Afghanistan)

**U.S. Coast Guard**

**CPO Patrick Kirby** (TX)

**U.S. Marine Corps**

**PVT Nicholas Acevedo** (CA)  
**CPT Kurt P. James** (Okinawa)  
**SGT David Byrne** (MCAS, Cherry Pt., NC)  
**CPL Eric E. Gibas** (Camp Pendleton, CA)  
**PVT Dominic Tosto** (San Diego, CA)  
**PVT Skylar Stafford** (Parrish Island, SC)

**United States Navy**

**LCDR Robert Aranha** (United States)

## DUPAGE COUNTY BACK TO SCHOOL FAIR

Preparing students who need a helping hand  
in DuPage County for a successful school year!

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4TH, 2021**  
**11:00AM - 6:00PM**  
**DUPAGE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS**  
**2015 MANCHESTER ROAD, WHEATON**

- Participants will drive thru to receive backpacks and school supplies (to comply with social distancing).
- Online pre-registration is required at [catholiccharitiesjoliet.org](http://catholiccharitiesjoliet.org). Registrants will receive a ticket to attend the Fair.

**TO SCHEDULE  
STUDENT DENTAL  
APPOINTMENTS:**

**TO REGISTER  
FOR THE FAIR:**

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet is a faith-based organization providing service to people in need and calling others of good will to do the same.

**Please join us in praying for our priests. We meet each Thursday in the church at 8:45 AM.**

**Contact Deacon Jim with any questions: 630-915-8920**

**Your gift to the CMAA makes a difference**

	2021	2020	Inc/Dec	2020 (Final)
Goal	\$136,300	\$136,100	\$200	\$136,100
Amount Pledged	\$141,197	\$125,065	\$16,131	\$147,033
Amount Paid	\$130,732	\$117,845	\$12,886	\$146,583
Balance Due	\$10,465	\$7,220	\$3,245	\$450
Donor Count	352	317	35	380
2021 Rebate	\$0			

Our parish's goal for the 2021 CMAA is \$136,300, with 70 percent of any amount we raise over this goal returned to us for our use. Please prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's CMAA and return your pledge card or envelope, make a gift online at [jolietdioceseappeal.org](http://jolietdioceseappeal.org) or text DONATE to (815) 205-1949. Thank you for considering the most generous pledge possible to this year's annual appeal.

**YTD Sunday Collection  
For June 27, 2021**

<b>Mass</b>	<b>4:00</b>	<b>\$4,550.01</b>
	<b>7:30</b>	<b>\$7,957.00</b>
	<b>9:30</b>	<b>\$3,722.86</b>
	<b>11:30</b>	<b>\$5,881.00</b>
	<b>6:00</b>	<b>\$2,823.00</b>
<b>TOTAL COLLECTION MASS</b>		<b>\$24,933.87</b>
<b>e-Giving</b>		<b>\$9,878.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$34,811.87</b>
<b>Weekly Budget</b>		<b>\$29,750.00</b>
<b>YTD Budget</b>		<b>\$89,250.00</b>
<b>YTD Collection</b>		<b>\$85,467.47</b>

## PLEASE GOD OUR FATHER

Little children like to show their moms and dads the things they can do: ride bikes, draw pictures, catch balls, sing songs, play instruments, and the list goes on - even into adulthood.

Grandmas and grandpas make really good audiences too! But guess who delights most in watching us use our talents? God, our Father. And, it's built into us to want to share all we think, say, and do. We're communal and we look for approval. So then, what's wrong with success, popularity or power? Well, as Henri J.M. Nouwen pointed out, success, popularity, and power can indeed present great temptations, but their seductive qualities often come from the way they are part of a much larger temptation to self-rejection. If one doesn't get positive approval early on, one could easily fall into the trap of believing the voices that cut down one's eternal worth, thereby making the above solutions attractive, albeit false.

Henri J.M. Nouwen sums this up very well: "Self-rejection is the greatest enemy of the spiritual life because it contradicts the sacred voice that calls us the "Beloved". Being the Beloved constitutes the core truth of our existence."



Let Jesus set you straight. Visit Him in the Adoration Chapel. It's a sacred place where you can talk with Our Lord, telling him all about what you're thinking and doing. He is so happy to listen! Then, you listen. And, little by little, you will begin to hear and pay attention to His voice, forsaking all false voices. After all, at the Transfiguration of Christ, God, our Father said, "This is my Beloved Son, listen to Him." (Mark 9:7)

Consider registering for a regular conversation with Jesus. There are two empty hours on Fridays: 4-5 am and 1-2 pm. Several adorers need partners. To sign up: call Joan Taylor, 630-530-8963; Gail and Owen Hilding, 630-573-0033; or email [VisitationAdorationChapel@gmail.com](mailto:VisitationAdorationChapel@gmail.com).



A pictorial directory is a powerful tool in our church to help each of us know each other better. Our last directory is now out-dated and it is time for a new one. Please make an appointment to have your picture taken by clicking the link on our website, at [www.visitationparish.org](http://www.visitationparish.org).

Your participation will help the church and yourself. Every family photographed for the directory will receive a copy of the directory and an 8x10 portrait at no cost. So please, sign-up today!

## Spiritual Adoption Campaign

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION—40 WEEKS—2021

### Week 18—July 24-25, 2021

"I heard a loud noise outside my mother's womb this week and jumped and even covered my ears to muffle the scary sound. Sometimes I just bump and kick just for fun. I need to get my muscles working and I get to tease my mommy at the same time...what fun! Whenever I make a ruckus, I always hear mommy gathering more people around her to see what I am up to. I can't wait to see everyone. I wonder if I will have any brothers or sisters. Hope everyone is still praying for me."

### Spiritual Adoption Prayer

*Lord Jesus, you said, "let the children come to me." (Matthew 19:14)*

Therefore, with deep trust in your infinite mercy, I bring \_\_\_\_\_, the child that I have spiritually adopted and who is at risk of being aborted, to your Sacred Heart this day. Please grant that the parents of this child may quickly come to the realization that this new life is not an inconvenience or a burden, but a child; their child, their own flesh and blood. Give them the courage, strength and guidance they need to embrace this child and to choose life!

*Amen.*



# WHY DOES GOING TO MASS REALLY MATTER?

COME JOIN US AS WE LEARN!

## WHAT DOES IT INCLUDE?

- Weekly teaching videos on the Mass from Father Burke Masters delivered via email
- Daily videos of Father Burke Masters' commentary on the readings from Daily Mass delivered via email (supplemental material)
- Local small groups gather to discuss weekly video on the Mass
- Optional monthly large group nights of reflection
- Companion workbook to guide and facilitate discussion
- Prayer partner support
- Commitment card with options for personal growth in four areas of life



## DETAILS:



- Start date: September 10th
- End date: December 8th
- Various small group day/time meeting options available as registration is completed
- Registration open July 21st through August 17th
- Scan the code above or click this link for more information and registration.  
[www.dioceseofjoliet.org/beformed](http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/beformed)
- Questions? Contact Katie Choudhary  
815-221-6134  
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## Religious Education (RE) News

Registration for 2021-22 RE is available online on the parish web site at: <https://visitationparish.org/re>

The deadline for registration is **August 20th, 2021.**

RE classes begin on Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>.

### RE Class Session Times (K – 8<sup>th</sup>):

Wednesdays 4:30 - 5:45 PM on alternating weeks

Sundays 10:00 - 11:15 AM on alternating weeks

RE lessons alternate each week between in-person and at-home.

Note: Per diocesan policy, in order to receive sacraments children must be enrolled for at least **two** years in an RE program (or Catholic School.)

1<sup>st</sup> Communion requires 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade RE.

Confirmation requires 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade RE.

Volunteer catechists (teachers) are needed for all grade levels and session times.

For more information please contact Renee Gianni  
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Matt Pozen --- Director of Faith Formation

Sr. Linda Moolechalil --- RE Coordinator

Melanie Schneider --- Primary (K-5<sup>th</sup>) RE Coordinator

Renee Gianni --- RE Administrative Assistant

**\*ONLINE via ZOOM\***

**PLEASE JOIN US!**

**SELF-CARE DURING CHANGE:**

**A Morning of Reflection**

**for the  
DIVORCED**

**August 7, 2021**

**10-12PM**

Our Speaker will be Dr. Valerie Maty, the Associate Director of Family Ministry at the Diocese of Joliet. Our morning of reflection will provide opportunities for participants to reflect upon Self-Care During Change, engage in prayer, and connection with one another.

To register, go to: <http://bitly.com/3jmo94d> or contact the Office of Family Ministry at (815) 838-5334 by August 2, 2021.

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with us!**



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## Sunday in the Word: July 25<sup>th</sup>, The 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

By Matt Pozen – Director of Faith Formation



The gospel readings for Sunday Mass follow a 3-year cycle: Year A is from Matthew, Year B from Mark, and Year C from Luke. The gospel of John does not have its own year, but rather is used every year during the seasons of Lent and Easter. We are currently in Year B, following the story of Jesus from the gospel of Mark, but for today and the next four Sundays we shift to chapter 6 from John: the famous “Bread of Life Discourse”. Since Mark is such a short gospel, it is not long enough to fill all the Sundays of the Church year, so it is supplemented with five weeks from John 6.

### Gospel --- John 6:1-15

John 6 begins with the famous story of the multiplication of the loaves and fish, which is the only miracle of Jesus recounted in all four gospels. All four versions make an implicit connection with the eucharist, saying that Jesus “took, blessed, broke, and gave” the bread (the same four words used at the Last Supper). Only John’s version makes this connection even more clear by mentioning that “the Jewish feast of Passover was near.”

We all know the general story: it was getting late; the crowd of 5000 were hungry; Jesus tells his disciples to feed them; they inform him there are only five loaves of bread and two fish; Jesus takes, blesses, breaks, and gives the loaves and fish; all are miraculously fed and there are even twelve baskets of leftovers. Only John’s version ends by noting that when the people saw the “sign” he had done, they said, “This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world.” And John adds that “since Jesus knew that they were going to carry him off to make him king”, he withdrew alone to a nearby mountain.

This seems to be John’s version of the so-called “messianic secret”, whereby Jesus, during his earthly ministry, was hesitant to accept the title “king” (or “messiah”). Perhaps this was because the true nature of his “kingship” could not be fully understood until he had endured his suffering and death on the cross. Are we sometimes like the crowds from today’s gospel, expecting Jesus to take care of all our needs and spare us from all suffering in life? Can we embrace the redemptive value of the crosses in our lives, trusting that through this Jesus draws us closer to his heart and leads us to new life?

### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading --- 2 Kings 4:42-44

The prophet Elijah and his successor, Elisha, were two of the earliest prophets in Israel’s history, preaching in the northern part of Israel circa 850 BC. Their stories are recounted in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> book of Kings in the Old Testament. Not only did they preach against the idolatry of the kings and leaders of Israel, but they also performed miracles to back up their words. In today’s reading from 2 Kings 4, a man brings 20 loaves of bread to Elisha, who tells him to give it to a vast crowd of people. The man objects that it is not nearly enough to feed them, to which Elisha responds, “Thus says the Lord: ‘They shall eat and there shall be some leftover.’” And sure enough, the people ate and there were leftovers.

Clearly this story was chosen as foreshadowing of today’s gospel reading. Both stories are reminders that our God is not stingy with his grace and love, but rather gives to us with overflowing abundance. The celebration of the eucharist (which means “thanksgiving” in Greek) is the Church’s great prayer of thanksgiving which we offer together, to the Father, through the Son, in the Holy Spirit.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading --- Ephesians 2:13-18

As a reminder, the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading at Sunday Mass usually comes from one of the letters in the New Testament, especially those of St. Paul. Each letter is followed, chapter by chapter, over the course of several Sundays. Last week we heard from Ephesians 2 and its emphasis on Christ’s role in breaking down all divisions and reconciling us with God and one another. Today’s passage from Ephesians 4 continues this emphasis on unity. Paul urges us to “live in a manner worthy of the call we have received, with all humility, gentleness, patience, and love.” In a famous verse he then lists seven facets of the Church’s unity: “one body, one Spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all.” This unity is both God’s gift to the Church and a continuing task for the Church. How can we be a sign and agent of God’s reconciling love to the world if we are torn by our own inner divisions? Let us rededicate ourselves to Paul’s emphasis on “humility, gentleness, patience, and love.”



### Please join our Flock!

Use your cell phone and text  
**joinvis** to 84576 to register with the parish and  
subscribe to updates

### CRAFTERS NEED YOUR HELP!

The Visitation Crafters are already working on items for the Christmas bazaar. If you have used Christmas cards and/or extra yarn, they are accepting donations! Any items for donation may be dropped off at the parish rectory.



# PARISH DIRECTORY

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