

Visitation Catholic Church, Elmhurst, IL

September 3, 2023



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself,
take up his cross, and follow me."

MATTHEW 16:24b



WELCOME TO VISITATION CATHOLIC CHURCH

Love and Service to Others

779 S. York Street • Elmhurst, IL • 60126 • www.visitationparish.org

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.

PARISH AND PASTORAL STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: [MON-THUR] 8:30 AM-4:00 PM [FRI] 8:30 AM-12 Noon • Phone: 630-834-6700

Fax: 630-834-6711 • Email: welcome@visitationcc.org • Parish Website: www.visitationparish.org

Deanery Website: easterndupagedeanery.org

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TO CONTACT OUR PASTOR, FR. JOHN LINDSEY,
PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AT 630/834-6700.

Interested in joining Visitation Parish?
We'd love to have you! Please call 630-834-6700 to become a member.

MASS INTENTIONS**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4****9:00 AM**

For God's blessings upon our labor

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**6:15 AM**

+Carlotta Lawton

8:15 AM

+Jerry Krajewski

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6**6:15 AM**

+Rosemarie Lenz

8:15 AM

+Virginia Walden

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**6:15 AM**

Intentions of Beckham Hart

8:15 AM

+Roma Ponticelli

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**6:15 AM**

+Dennis Doyle

8:15 AM

Parish Purgatorial Society

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**8:15 AM**

+Ethan Gahlbeck

4:00 PM

+Roy Dillon

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**7:30AM**

People of Visitation

9:30AM

+Helen Hurley

11:30AM

+Dennis Curtin

6:00PM

+Myrtle Smith

MASS INTENTIONS

One must never forget the infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass which benefit one's soul. To have a Mass said, please stop by the rectory or call 630-834-6700.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

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

**Christina Wallace, Angela Sulka
John Stafford, Agnes Gaw, Kathy Bonnen,
Ken Ruder**

DECEASED

Please pray for all of those who have died, especially

**Jack Vetter, Frank Ostling,
Nancy Spahn, Tim McMahon**

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

FLAME 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:

- In thanksgiving
- For the intentions of Tebitha

WEDDING BANNS

III Alan Schoeps and Natalie Grollo
II Joshua Sapnu and Elizabeth Foot

CALENDAR OF EVENTS**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4**

Living in the Divine Will	8:45 AM	PC
CRHP	7:00 PM	PC

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Rosary Maker Ministry	11:00 AM	PC
Flame of Love	7:00 PM	Crypt

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Crafters	9:00 AM	MP
Children's Choir	2:30 PM	C
Flame of Love	7:00 PM	Crypt

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Endow	9:00 AM	PC
Prayer Quilt Ministry	1:00 PM	MP

Sunday Offering

	<u>8/27/23</u>
Weekly Offering	\$34,008.28
Offering same week last year	\$25,379.10
Target Goal each week	\$30,335.00
Year to date Budget	\$273,015.00
Year to date Collection	\$241,591.39

These totals include Online Giving.

Thank you for your generosity.

If you would like to contribute via online donations, whether by bank account or credit card, consider signing-up for ONLINE GIVING by using the QR code, or going to our website [visitationparish.org/give]

Your continued support of Visitation Parish is greatly appreciated. God bless you!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:	Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (2b)/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27
Monday:	1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13/Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday:	1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday:	Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday:	Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11
Friday:	Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
Saturday:	Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/Lk 6:1-5
Next Sunday:	Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20



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VISITATION RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
STARTING SOON!

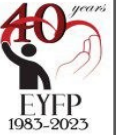
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THE ELMHURST-YORKFIELD FOOD PANTRY

* cordially invites you to attend our *

40th Anniversary CELEBRATION



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2023
6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

RIVER FOREST COUNTRY CLUB
15W468 Grand Ave, Elmhurst IL

\$75 PER TICKET INCLUDES
dinner, two drink tickets, and entertainment
TABLES OF 10 ARE AVAILABLE FOR \$750

RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 15 AT WWW.EYFP.ORG

DRESSY CASUAL ATTIRE

4th Annual West Suburban Catholic Culture Series

"FAITH AND REASON AS THE TWO WINGS:
THE HISTORY AND ENDURING IMPORTANCE
OF CATHOLIC PHILOSOPHY"



RUTH LAKE COUNTRY CLUB
HILLSDALE, IL
Cocktails 6:30pm
Dinner & Lecture 7:00pm
End 8:30pm

FALL 2023

September 13: The Golden Calf: Philosophy and Theology in the Early Church
(Kenneth Calvert, Hillsdale College)

October 4: Silence and Contemplation: The Monastic Contribution to Philosophy
(Prior Peter Funk, OSB, Monastery of the Holy Cross)

November 9: Integrity, Creation, and a Restless Heart: Augustine's Contribution to Philosophy
(Jared Ortiz, Hope College)

SPRING 2024

March 20: Women and Philosophy in the Catholic Tradition
(Bronwen McShea, Augustine Institute)

April 10: Recovering Philosophy for the Faith: The Story of Aquinas
(Fr. Stephen Brock, Pontifical University of the Holy Cross)

May 15: On Philosophy and the Renaissance
(Matthew Gaetano, Hillsdale College)



REGISTER
HERE

Beloved Child: Believe

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God: and so we are...Beloved, we are God's children now; it does not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when He appears we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is... (1 John 3:1-3)

Keeping this in mind is as essential as three meals a day and eight hours of sleep a night: mental, physical, and spiritual health are interwoven. When one part suffers, all parts suffer, and we are all connected. Although Jesus used a natural example, it's plenty plain to understand:

"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in me, and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing." (John 15:5)

Henri J. M. Nouwen offers an interesting and personal perspective on what can be the greatest trap in a person's life. It's not worldly success, popularity, or power, but self-rejection.



"When we have come to believe in the voices that call us worthless and unlovable, then success, popularity and power are easily perceived as attractive solutions. As soon as someone accuses me or criticizes me, as soon as I am rejected, left alone, or abandoned, I find myself thinking, 'Well, that proves once again that I am a nobody.' And my dark side says, 'I am no good...I deserve to be pushed aside, forgotten, rejected, and abandoned.' Self-rejection is the greatest enemy of the spiritual life because it contradicts the sacred voice that call us the "Beloved". Being the "Beloved" constitutes the core of our existence.

Consider signing up for a weekly hour at the Visitation Adoration Chapel. There, you can learn that you are precious in God's eyes, that he calls you "Beloved" from all eternity.

There is an **EMPTY HOUR** that needs to be filled:

SUNDAY - 1AM

The following hours need partners:

Sunday – 1pm
Monday – 2am.
Tuesday – 11am, 1pm
Thursday – 2pm
Friday – 1am; 11am
Saturday – 11am; 5pm

For more info, call Joan Taylor, 630-530-8963 or Owen & Gail Hilding, 630-573-0033.

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)
SrA E4 Jacob Neimanas (Travis AFB, CA)
Ron Caruso (Qatar, Saudi Arabia)

U.S. Army

PFC Michael Perrone (Germany)
MAJ Patrick Leen (IL.)
CPT Nicholas Keller (Ft. McCoy, WI)
1 LT Thomas J. Diwisch (Fort Bragg, NC)
SGT Stephen J. Taylor (Fort Riley, KS)
1 LT Francesca Cervone (Fairbanks, AK)
CPT Nathaniel A. Greenberg (Ft Leonard Wood, MO)
CPT Kathleen M. Donofrio (Fort Sheridan, IL)
E2 Logan Williams, (Ft Leonard Wood, MO)

U.S. Army National Guard

MAJ Joseph Doyle (ID)
CPL James Kotowski (Afghanistan)

U.S. Marine Corps

PVT Nicholas Acevedo (CA)
CPT Kurt P. James (Quantico, VA)
PVT Dominic Tosto (San Diego, CA)
L CPL Skylar Stafford (Okinawa, Japan)

Please call the rectory if your loved one has changed position or location. 630-834-6700

Fr. McDonald Council #1911



2023 Tootsie Roll Drive



Thursday, Sept 7 – Sunday, Sept 10, 2023

Will you help us "Leave No Neighbor Behind"?

Join the fun!

Choose your corner, day and time!
Scan to choose when and where >>



Can't work a corner?

You can make a difference by
making a donation! Scan here >>>



Fr. McDonald Council #1911

WWW.ELMHURSTKOFC.ORG

"...Proudly Serving Eastern

DuPage County since 1918!..."

Donut Sunday is Coming!

Fr. John and Fr. Alberts would like you to join them after the
9:30 AND 11:30 AM SUNDAY MASSES
SEPTEMBER 10TH
in the Parish Center.

Come enjoy coffee, donuts, other treats and conversation with your fellow parishioners.



Visitation Parish will once again be participating in the Box of Joy ministry. We encourage every family to pack a box. Our goal is to help provide 500 Boxes of Joy for children in Latin America. For more info, contact the Project Leader Regina Gibbons (regi3756@hotmail.com) Donate \$9 per Box of Joy directly online at

<https://crosscatholic.org/box-of-joy/>

GET MATERIALS	COLLECTION
Parish Center at Masses beginning September 9th/10th	Parish Center at Weekend Masses November 4th/5th
RE families - at class	Visitation RE families Wednesday - October 25th



CHILDRENS CHOIR BEGINS WEDNESDAY AUGUST 30, 2023

Children 3rd – 8th grade are eligible for CHILDREN'S CHOIR. This includes students at Visitation School, in Public Schools, and those who are home schooled. We meet Wednesdays in the CHURCH. Visitation Students meet 3-3:45 PM and Religious Ed and Home School students meet as soon as they can get to Church after School until 4:10.

**Visitation students
CAN BE WALKED AFTER SCHOOL TO CHOIR by
parent volunteers.**

**Religious Education students
Need to provide transportation. CAN BE WALKED
FROM CHOIR TO RE CLASS by parent volunteers.**

Contact me or access the Music Ministry tab on the Parish Website for Registration information.

Barbara Masters, Parish Music Director
630-834-8190 , barbara.masters@visitationcc.org

Visitation Religious Education Department is Looking for some faith-filled, big-hearted people -- just like YOU!

Visitation RE invites you to consider serving as a catechist for our Religious Education Program. We will provide you with a structured curriculum, educational resources, as well as training that will be offered in person and online, where we will walk you through a typical class, suggest learning activities, and equip you with the tools you'll need to teach the group of students you'll be working with throughout the year.

We are looking for volunteers to commit to the 24 class days on Wednesdays from 4:30 pm-5:45 pm or Wednesdays from 6:30 pm-7:45 pm, as well as volunteers who are willing to be on call to sub. If you are a teen in need of service hours, you are welcome to serve as a classroom aide.



Please email the RE department @ religioused@visitationcc.org if you are interested in volunteering or have any questions!



ADULT CHOIR BEGINS TUESDAY September 6 7-8 PM

All singers college age and older are welcome to join our Adult Choir. The first practice is Tuesday September 6 7-8 PM

Choir sings Sundays at the 9:30 AM Mass.

Please contact me if you are interested.

Registration will continue through October.

Choir experience is welcome but musical support is available for enthusiastic newcomers.

SING A NEW SONG UNTO THE LORD!

Barbara Masters, Music Director
630-834-8190 barbara.masters@visitationcc.org

Help Wanted

The Casserole Ministry needs a volunteer to help out at the 11:30am Mass twice/month. The time commitment is minimal (10-15 minutes). Please contact Kathy Best at 630-832-7673 for more information.

RCIA / OCIA

Rite (Order) of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you interested in becoming Catholic?
Or were you baptized Catholic but never received First
Communion and/or Confirmation?

Then the RCIA / OCIA is for you.

It is the Church's official process for fully initiating
adults into the Catholic faith, and is for:

- 1) Those who have never been baptized.
- 2) Those who were baptized and/or raised in another
Christian church and now want to become Catholic.
- 3) Baptized Catholics who never completed their
initiation through the sacraments of Eucharist and/or
Confirmation.

Initial RCIA / OCIA Inquiry Meetings:

Sundays Sept 10th, 17th, & 24th

10:30 – 11:30 am

Madonna Room (by vestibule of church)

Facilitator: Matt Pozen (Director of Faith Formation).

After the Initial Inquiry Meetings, the regular sessions
will take place each week on Sunday morning until the
Easter Vigil (March 30th), when the candidates will
receive the sacraments and be fully initiated into the
Catholic Church.

If interested, please contact Matt Pozen:

630-279-7058 x 502 or matt.pozen@visitationcc.org



Eucharistic Revival Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,
you give us your flesh and blood for the life of the world,
and you desire that all people come
to the Supper of the Sacrifice of the Lamb.

Renew in your Church the truth, beauty, and goodness
contained in the Most Blessed Eucharist.

Jesus living in the Eucharist, come and live in me.
Jesus healing in the Eucharist, come and heal me.
Jesus sacrificing yourself in the Eucharist, come & suffer in me.
Jesus rising in the Eucharist, come and rise to new life in me.
Jesus loving in the Eucharist, come and love in me.

Grant that as we lift you up during this time of Eucharistic Revival,
your Holy Spirit may draw all people
to join us at this Banquet of Life.

Amen.



Each Sunday at the 9:30 Mass: Starting Sept. 24th

The Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) program is
starting up again at Visitation during the 9:30 am Sunday
Mass. It is for children age 4 through 4th grade.

How does CLOW work?

At the beginning of Mass the priest invites the children
forward and gives them a blessing. Then an adult leader and
teen helper walk them out of church into the Parish Center.
(Parents may go with their children the first few times if they
are apprehensive.) The leader proclaims the Scripture
readings to the children and does a brief activity to help
them understand. Then leaders walk the children back into
church while the collection is being taken up, and make sure
the children return to sitting with their parents.

If you or your teenager are interested in helping with CLOW,
please contact Matt Pozen in the Faith Formation Office at
matt.pozen@visitationcc.org or 630-279-7058 x 502.

We provide training, leader guides, and ongoing support.

Come join this fun and fulfilling ministry!

Rediscovering the Mass

*An Evening of
Reflection on the
Gift & Mystery
of the Eucharist*



Sunday, September 10th

7:00 – 8:30 pm

Mary Queen of Heaven Parish, Elmhurst

Presenter: Matt Pozen

(Visitation Director of Faith Formation)

ALL ARE WELCOME!

*Using Scripture, visual imagery, song, & discussion,
we will explore how the Eucharist feeds and forms us
as the Body of Christ for the life of the world.*

*Part of the 2022-24 National Eucharistic Revival
(Learn more at eucharisticrevival.org)*



VISITATION SCHOOL Weekly News



FR. JOHN CELEBRATES FIRST SCHOOL MASS OF THE YEAR

We have so much to be grateful for at Visitation School. With the start of the new school year, we joined together as one family for our first school Mass. Father John started by welcoming our new students by name. We are blessed to have so many new students joining us this year.

After Mass, the students returned to a sweet, little surprise! What better way to celebrate being together at Mass than with a donut afterwards! Thank you to the Visitation Parent Association for not only picking up 68 dozen donuts, but then lovingly placing these little surprises on the desks! We are truly blessed to have so many caring people supporting our children.



SAVE THE DATE

Advent—Christmas Concert
John Angotti, his band and Visitation
choirs 2nd weekend in Advent
Saturday, December 9, 2023
6:00 PM
Visitation Catholic Church, Elmhurst, IL



Come and join us for our next ENDOW Study, Discover Your Dignity, Part 2! We meet every Thursday from 9-11am in the Fire-side room. We will begin THIS WEEK, Thursday, September 7, 2023.



Contact Karen Stuefen with any questions or if an evening session works better for your schedule.
Karen.Stuefen@gmail.com 847.571.5980

STUDENTS OF IMPACT
Youth Night for All HS Teens

**ICE CREAM
SOCIAL**

Super Fun Outdoor Games &
Ice Cream Sundaes
Sunday, September 17th
5:30-7 pm ICCP Costello Hall

25TH ANNUAL GOLF INVITATIONAL

Willow Crest Golf Club @ Oak Brook Hills Resort
3500 Midwest Road, Oak Brook, IL

Friday, September 8th, 2023 – 1:00 PM Shotgun (Sharp!!)
\$165 per person (if paid by August, 31st)
(\$185 if paid after August 31st)

Includes: Golf, Cart, & Lunch served prior to Shotgun (11:30 AM -1:00 PM)

Optional/Un-sponsored:

Post-Golf Food & Drinks @ HB Jones!! (Non-golfers welcome!!)
Free Appetizers/Cash bar

Format: 4-person scramble; Two foursomes per tee box; Simultaneous play.

Contests: Longest Drive, Closet to the Pin, & more...

Registration & Payment:

Please email or call Mike Hosler at: mhosler@thasegawa.com, 630-215-3938
Checks payable to: “**Visitation Fathers Club**” or Pay with Zelle to: VFCvis@gmail.com
Mail or drop off cash/checks to: Mike Hosler, 862 S. Cambridge Ave., Elmhurst, IL 60126

Sponsorship Opportunities:

- *Family Sponsorship (\$50.00)
- *Corporate Sponsorship (Please inquire)

FREE Bus Transportation

From Visitation Parking Lot - 11:30 AM departure
Back to the Visitation Parking Lot, then HB Jones after Golf...

For further information please contact:

Registration: Mike Hosler (mhosler@thasegawa.com)
Corporate Sponsorships: Mike Machon (mikemachon@gmail.com)
Family Sponsorships: Pete Graham (pjgraham84@gmail.com)