

VISITATION PARISH

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 28, 2025



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 life-long 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.

MASSES

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

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW PARISHIONERS

- Kathryn Bauman
- Mary Jo Haskamp
- Eric Headley & Rachel Ross
- Erica & Drew Lindsey, daughters Bea & Margaux
- Liza & Joe DePetrillo
- Jeremy & Caroline Young, son Duke
- Kylie Nedelka & Trent McQueen

CONFIRMATION HIGH SCHOOL:

Next meeting is TONIGHT
(Sunday, September 28)

Sponsors & Candidates 7:00
pm in Tighe Hall.

Upcoming meeting:

October 5, 7:00 pm in Tighe Hall Candidates only.
Bring your journals.



SAVE THE DATE! OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH!

Join us for our annual Life is Beautiful presentation
on Monday, October 13 at 6:00 pm in Tighe Hall.

SAVE THE DATE! PARISH FIESTA IS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26!

GREETERS NEEDED!

We need volunteers to greet at Masses. All
ages are welcome - individuals, couples &
families. Interested?

Join us for our next Greeter Training!
Sunday, October 26

9:15 - 10:00 am—meet in the narthex.

RSVP to janet@visitation.org



ADORATION

All are welcome to participate in adoration on
Wednesdays in the St. Joseph Chapel, 9:00 am–
6:00 pm.

ROSARY FOR THE SICK - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Individuals or couples are needed to lead the
Rosary each Wednesday evening at 5:30 pm in the
St. Joseph Chapel. Contact Jeff Mohajir at 913-219-
8076 or email him at jmohajir@mohajir.com with
questions. Visit the link below to sign up!

<https://tinyurl.com/visrosary>

REMEMBER OUR SICK

Cenza Spadafore

Jack Baker

Earl Adam
Pamela Atherton
Bill Blanck, Sr.
Kay Dierks
Bill Fuss
Ed Growney
Brooke Kuechler Harris
Kristin Heyer
Megan Hoefer
Margaret Howard
Joe Irwin
William Jewell
Bryan Larson
Jeanne Lendabarker
Jake Lynch
Jolene Lynn
Bob Lystad

Scott Martens

Joe McLiney

Thom McNamara

Tricia Melland

Virginia Moffett

Jack Myre

Jen O'Neill

Mary Ann Oswald

Peggy Pruitt

Ellie Rose

Kathy Scaglia

Gary Schafer

Barbara Schulte

Aimee Sesler

Sandra Sharp

Kathy Sims

Special Intention

Salvador Valldeperas, Sr.

Dave Wittrock

SICK LIST

Please call Jenny Greene at 816-753-5155 x1309 to
request an individual be added to our list. We ask
that you leave a contact name and number. We will
follow up with each request quarterly to keep the list
current and to offer any additional support if needed.

MILITARY

The parish community continues to pray for parish
members and their families who are serving in the armed
services: Major Philip Martin, Fort Leavenworth, KS; Major
Chris Oppenlander, Hill Air Force Base, UT; Major
Gisselle Oppenlander, Hill Air Force Base, UT.

FUNERAL MEAL TEAMS

On Deck: Team # 9

On Alert: Team # 12

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners,

I'm grateful to so many in our community who have taken the Protecting God's Children course. For some of us, it's a requirement. Anyone who works with children is required to take the initial course and participate in ongoing training, along with periodic Mandated Reporter Training. There are others of us who choose to take the course so as to become more familiar with the work of safe environment. I'd love it if everyone in this parish would attend Protecting God's Children. The more we are aware of the realities of abuse, the more we know how abuse happens and how predators work, the better chance we have to protect children from abuse and keep our parish and community a safe and life-giving place for kids to grow up.



I for one am glad that our diocese is approaching safe environment issues more rigorously. For too long, our church tolerated and allowed abuse to happen. It is good for us now to be a protective force, to promote safe environment through education and strict standards. I realize that Protecting God's Children and the ongoing work can be demanding. But it serves the best interests of our kids and families. Thank you for cooperating with these requirements when you're asked to attend something. And a special thank you to those who take an active interest in this work because you choose to!

Peace,

Fr. Greg Haskamp

SPIRE CHAMBER ENSEMBLE AT VISITATION



A Collaboration with William Jewell College Choirs

Professional choral group, Spire Chamber Ensemble, invites you on a sonic journey pairing radiant Renaissance masterpieces with bold contemporary reimaginings—each setting drawn from the same timeless texts. At the heart of the program lies Thomas Tallis's awe-inspiring *Spem in alium*, the monumental 40-part motet that continues to captivate audiences nearly five centuries after its creation. Experience the luminous clarity of Renaissance polyphony alongside fresh, striking interpretations by today's composers.

Sunday, October 5, at 3:00 pm Visitation Church. Tickets start at \$25; Students \$10 with ID (Plus Fees)

Visit: www.spirechamberensemble.org.

SOCIAL CONCERNS



*Lance Shockley with
Archbishop Rivotuso*

ADVOCACY OPPORTUNITY – END THE DEATH PENALTY

The Catholic Church teaches that every human life is sacred and that the death penalty is inadmissible in today's world. As Pope Francis reminded us: "The death penalty is inadmissible, and the Church is firmly committed to calling for its abolition worldwide." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2267)

Next weekend, postcards will be available in Tighe Hall for you to join Bishop Johnston in urging Governor Kehoe to grant clemency to Lance Shockley and order that he be sentenced to life without parole.

Stand with the Church in promoting mercy and the dignity of all human life - add your voice to this important witness. **Don't forget to join us downstairs after Mass!**

TWO IMPORTANT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Morning Glory Ministries- 6:30 am - 8:30 am on Thursday, October 2.

My name is Kristi Wakat, and I have been volunteering at the Morning Glory Café for several months. This ministry takes place in the basement of the Diocesan building in downtown KC. They serve breakfast to homeless people Monday through Friday. Visitation Parish has agreed to provide volunteers for this ministry on the first Thursday morning of each month. We arrive at 6:30 a.m. and finish by 8:30 a.m. Typically, 100-150 guests are served each morning. The atmosphere is warm and welcoming, with an emphasis on serving guests with kindness and respect. I have found this volunteer opportunity to be very rewarding. If you have any questions about this ministry or would like to volunteer, please feel free to contact me at kristi773@gmail.com or 815-791-2021.

One City Café- 4:00 pm-6:05 pm on Thursday, October 9

Your help is needed! On Thursday, October 9, Visitation is in charge of serving at Once City Café and we need 10 volunteers to ensure a smooth serving experience. If you have never gone but have considered it, now is your time to try it! If it has been a while since you've gone, we need you back! Please contact Bill Staggs at 816-304-3264 or email him at rcthread@yahoo.com.



**Catholic
in Recovery**

CATHOLIC IN RECOVERY provides healing from addictions and unhealthy attachments. Meetings combine the spiritual principles of 12-step recovery and the Sacraments of the Catholic Church. Join others in recovery as we overlap scripture from Sunday's Mass, liturgical themes and recovery topics with honest discussion and prayers. Confidentiality is protected. We welcome those recovering from alcohol addiction. Meetings are held on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm in the Adult Meeting Room (formerly the 3rd K classroom). For more information or with questions, contact Ted H. at 816-501-8822.

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 If the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, report the suspected abuse to the Diocesan Ombudsman, 816-213-6024 or ombudsman@ombudsmankcsj.org. The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact the Victim Advocate, at 816-714-2357 or victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

MASS INTENTIONS SEPTEMBER 30– OCTOBER 5		MINISTRY SCHEDULE – OCTOBER 4-5		
		4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
<p>Tuesday, September 30 6:45 am Ed (Earl) Scott † 8:15 am Peggy Donnellan †</p> <p>Wednesday, October 1 6:45 am Ed Farley † 8:15 am Alice Farley †</p> <p>Thursday, October 2 6:45 am Tim Scholl †</p> <p>Friday, October 3 8:15 am Ruth Ann & Harvey Keens †</p> <p>Saturday, October 4 8:15am Barbara Dawson † 4:00 pm People of Visitation</p> <p>Sunday, October 5 8:00 am Ava Chichuk † 10:30 am The Protection of the Unborn</p>	ALTAR SERVERS	New Server New Server New Server	G. Bowen E. Larson C. Thompson	H. Braselton C. Campbell C. Carney
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	LECTORS	M. Dro T. Hellhake sub req.	T. Colburn P. Levi M. Vrabac	K. Kelly T. Ritchie J. Swafford
	SACR. USHERS	B. Truta	J. Reboulet sub req.	J. Roach
<p>PARISH BOUNDARIES State Line on the West to Oak St. on the East; 47th Street on the North to Meyer Blvd on the South</p> <p>PARISH OFFICE, Monday-Friday: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM 5141 Main St, Kansas City, MO 64112 Phone 816-753-7422 Fax 816-753-5505 Web Site www.visitation.org</p> <p>PARISH STAFF 816-753-5155 x# Pastor, Fr. Greg Haskamp x1302, frgreg@visitation.org</p> <p>Pastoral Associate, Jennifer Greene x1309, jennifer@visitation.org</p> <p>Pastoral Associate, Karen Miller x1308, karen@visitation.org</p> <p>Pastoral Associate, Teresa Albright x1306, teresa@visitation.org</p> <p>Director of Liturgy/Music, Alejandro Manso x1307, alejandro@visitation.org</p> <p>Director of Stewardship, Megan Burdolski x1305, megan@visitation.org</p> <p>Business/Financial Manager, Isaac Uzcanga x1313, isaac@visitation.org</p> <p>Parish Secretary, Joni Chichuk x1301, joni@visitation.org</p> <p>Ministry Scheduler/Bookkeeper, Janet Ridder x1304, janet@visitation.org</p> <p>Priest in Residence, Fr. Charles Rowe</p>		<p>BULLETIN DEADLINE Noon Monday</p> <p>SACRAMENTS Anointing of the Sick by appointment Fr. Greg and Jennifer Greene</p> <p>Eucharist to Homebound and Hospital, Jennifer Greene</p> <p>Sacrament of Matrimony, Contact Jennifer Greene to begin marriage preparation.</p> <p>Sacrament of Confirmation, Youth Jennifer Greene</p> <p>Sacrament of Infant Baptism, Adult Confirmation and Sacraments of Initiation, <i>For those who wish to become Catholic.</i> Teresa Albright</p> <p>PARISH COUNCIL 2024/25 Stephen Bowen Kristie Larson Bill Donath Melissa Lising Jim Erlacker Steve O'Neill Mary Gigliotti Katie Wendel Fr. Greg Haskamp Kathleen Wiedeman Megan Burdolski, Staff</p> <p>School Office 5134 Baltimore, Kansas City, MO 64112 Phone 816-531-6200Fax 816-531-8045</p> <p>Principal, Dr. Melissa Wagner x3140 Secretary, Bridget Winget x3136</p> <p>St. Vincent De Paul Help Line 816-753-9061</p> <p>Diocese of Kansas City St. Joseph Independent Ombudsman, 816-213-6024 Victim Assistance Coordinator, Michelle Graff 816-714-2357</p>		

FAITH FORMATION

Don't miss our guest blog post on the Faith Formation website, along with a playlist of Fr. Greg's homily series and some home-study materials on the Mass. <https://www.visionmainkc.com/post/gathering-sending>

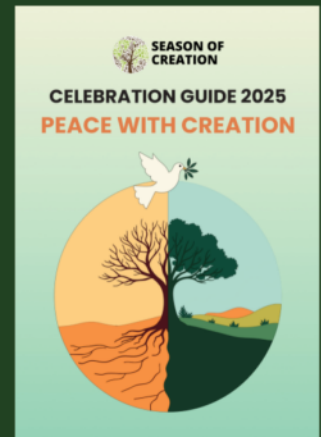
OCTOBER 4: SEASON OF CREATION MASS + HIKE + STARGAZING EVENT

It's that time of year again! Join us on Saturday, October 4 for Visitation's 6th Annual Season of Creation Hike.

To learn more and sign up, visit <https://bit.ly/3JAUzaf> or scan this QR code:



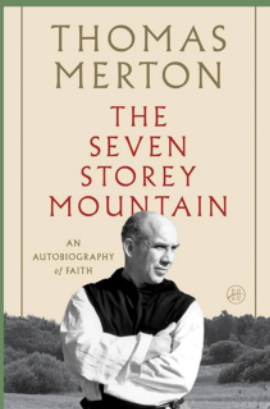
New this year!
Optional 7:00 pm stargazing event at
Powell Observatory following Mass & Hike



OCIA OPEN SESSIONS

Join our OCIA group for an upcoming open session in the Faith Formation Room:

- **Who's Who in the Bible with Teresa Albright** | Tuesday, September 30 - 6:30-8:00 pm



VIS BOOK CLUB | NEXT UP: THE WRITINGS OF THOMAS MERTON

Beginning with his memoir, *The Seven Storey Mountain*, we will trace the evolution of Thomas Merton, from the orthodoxy of his pre-Vatican II mindset to his post-Vatican II embrace of ecumenism by exploring both his prose writings and his poetry. 5 sessions offered twice a week: Wednesday mornings beginning October 8, or Thursday evenings beginning October 9.

Please contact Lorraine Gordon at lorrainegordon116@gmail.com to sign-up.

Dates to Remember:

Book Club: (Participants will attend sessions once a week, either Wednesday or Thursday):

- **Wednesdays 10:00 am - noon:** beginning October 8
- **Thursdays 7:00 - 8:30 pm:** beginning October 9

OCTOBER 20 | SUPPER SERIES: CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Join us for the next event in our Supper Series exploring how Catholic Social Teaching calls us to live out our faith in the world. This next session will focus on CST principles of the *Common Good*, *Human Solidarity*, and *Care for Our Common Home*. **All are welcome—come be nourished in body, mind, and spirit.**

Next Event: October 20 in Tighe Hall

6:15 pm - Doors Open | 6:30 pm - Dinner Served | 7:00 pm - Program

SAVE THE DATES! FOR FULL CALENDAR GO TO [VISONMAINKC.COM](https://www.visionmainkc.com)

- **September 30:** Open OCIA Class: Who's Who in the Bible? 6:30-8:00 pm, Faith Formation Room
- **October 4:** 6th Annual Season of Creation Mass + Hike....+ Stargazing Event!
- **October 8 & 9:** Fall Vis Book Club Kickoff: The Writings of Thomas Merton
- **October 20:** Supper Series Session 2: The Common Good - 6:30 pm, Tighe Hall

Questions about Faith Formation events or joining the Faith Formation team? Contact Teresa Albright: teresa@visitation.org

Season of Creation Hike

Saturday, October 4, 2025 @ 5:30 p.m.

Lewis - Young Park & Powell Observatory

"If we believe that God created this universe, and if we believe that God so loved it that he sent his Son to become a part of it, then science becomes an act of growing closer to the Creator. In that way, it becomes an act of prayer. If you think of the seven days of creation, what's the goal of the seventh day? The day when we spend the time to contemplate the things that God has created." - Brother Guy Consolmagno, SJ, Director of the Vatican Observatory

All ages & abilities are welcome!

Area includes parking and bathrooms at the trailhead.

5:30 p.m. **Outdoor Mass for Creation**
with Fr. James Smith, C.P.P.S.

6:30 p.m. **Hike/Nature Walk**
1.5 mile easy-moderate, dirt trail

7:00 p.m. **Community Stargazing Event**
Powell Observatory



**PEACE
WITH CREATION**
SEASON OF CREATION 2025

SCAN to Sign-up 
-OR- call 753-7422



NEW

Presented by the Visitation Faith Formation Team

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MOTHERS OF YOUNG CHILDREN

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE
**MOYC FALL
FESTIVAL**

October 19, 2025
9:00-10:30 am
Tighe Hall



PASTORAL CARE



**There is
still time
to join!**

**FAITH & GRIEF GATHERINGS
IN TIGHE HALL
Wednesday, October 1 at 12:00 Noon**

Speaker: Denis Greene - Lessons Learned from Losing His Brother.

When his brother died in a car wreck at 22, Denis set out to live fully and immediately. That belief led Denis to meditate daily for 54 years, move to the Congo, start a business, visit monasteries, volunteer with Hospice, travel widely, and witness miracles everyday.

NEW! *Faith & Grief Online
Caregiver Support Gathering*

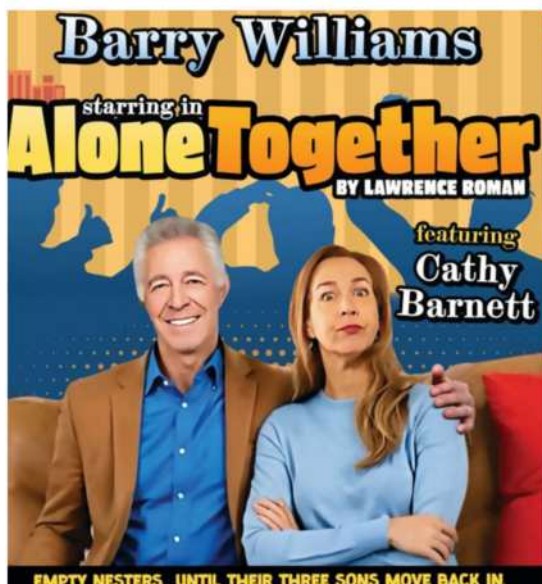


Fourth Monday of each month from 1:00 - 2:00 pm. Register on the Faith and Grief website. Join this monthly offering online for sharing experiences, encouragement and support from others who understand.

Register at www.faithandgrief.org.

GOLDEN SHAMROCKS

Join us at the New Theatre Restaurant



**Matinee Performance
Wednesday, November 12
Lunch begins at 11:50 am
Tickets: \$40 per person**

**Contact Joni in the parish office at
816-753-7422 to reserve your spot.**

Payment for ticket should be remitted to Visitation.

ART AND ENVIRONMENT

THE ART & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE IS LOOKING FOR HELP.

The A&E team is responsible for keeping our church appropriately decorated for each liturgical season: Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter and Ordinary Time.

We need people interested in volunteering a bit of time and learning some new skills. Whether you want to learn how to arrange flowers & plants for the church, or you just want to help with setups, we'd love to have you join us. Please contact Julie McFarland at jmcfarlandkc@gmail.com or Alejandro Manso at Alejandro@visitation.org. No flower experience is necessary!

FINANCIAL

August Contribution Income fell short of budget by only \$3,912 or 1.5%, as a result of timing differences in the giving patterns of our parishioners.

Other Income – which includes ministries, program fees, miscellaneous one-time donations, school tuition, registration fees, and before/after-care fees – exceeded budget by \$48,307. This favorable variance was driven primarily by a donation to the school to help cover the cost of new computers, as well as tuition payments received earlier than anticipated. As a result, Total Operating Monthly Income reflected a budget surplus of \$44,396.

Parish Expenses in August were over budget by \$54,636. The variance was fueled primarily by the timing of Donations to the Poor payouts to outside organizations totaling \$32,423. In addition, General Operating Expenses were over budget by \$20,226, largely due to school book purchases not originally included in the budget. The combined effect of these factors resulted in a Parish Net budget shortfall of \$10,240 for the month of August.

Extraordinary Income for the month of August was over budget by \$159,018, of which \$156,498 were donations for the Shared VISION Capital Campaign. There were no extraordinary expenses recorded for the month.

Contribution Income for the YTD fell short of budget by \$39,896 (7.9%). Other Income is ahead of budget by \$58,362 (7.9%), resulting in an Operating Income budget surplus of \$18,466.

Operating Expenses for the YTD are over budget by \$56,269 (5.3%), generating a Parish Net Operating budget shortfall of \$37,803.

Extraordinary Income is over budget by \$513,019, of which \$511,359 came from donations to the Shared VISION Capital Campaign. There have been no extraordinary expenses recorded this fiscal year.

Prior Year Comparison – Compared to the same period in fiscal year 2024/2025, Contribution Income for 2025/2026 is lower by \$34,663, while Other Income is higher by \$224,070, creating a Total Operating Income surplus of \$189,406.

Parish Expenses are higher than last year by \$204,617, primarily due to the new salary scale implemented by the Diocese this fiscal year. This resulted in a YTD budget shortfall of \$15,211.

Month of August 2025				
	Actual	Budget	Difference	
Contribution Income	\$ 256,599	\$ 260,511	\$ (3,912)	
Other Income	\$ 770,657	\$ 722,349	\$ 48,307	
Total Operating Income	\$ 1,027,256	\$ 982,860	\$ 44,396	
Operating Expense	\$ 555,784	\$ 501,148	\$ (54,636)	
Net	\$ 471,472	\$ 481,712	\$ (10,240)	
Extraordinary Income	\$ 159,018	\$ 700	\$ 158,318	
Extraordinary Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Total Net Non-Operating Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 159,018	\$ 700	\$ 158,318	
Total Net Parish Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 630,489	\$ 482,412	\$ 148,077	

Fiscal YTD (July-August)				
	Actual	Budget	Difference	
Contribution Income	\$ 462,580	\$ 502,476	\$ (39,896)	
Other Income	\$ 793,422	\$ 735,060	\$ 58,362	
Total Operating Income	\$ 1,256,002	\$ 1,237,536	\$ 18,466	
Operating Expense	\$ 1,116,358	\$ 1,060,089	\$ (56,269)	
Net	\$ 139,644	\$ 177,447	\$ (37,803)	
Extraordinary Income	\$ 514,119	\$ 1,100	\$ 513,019	
Extraordinary Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Total Net Non-Operating Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 514,119	\$ 1,100	\$ 513,019	
Total Net Parish Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 653,763	\$ 178,547	\$ 475,216	

Fiscal YTD This Fiscal YTD Last				
	Year	Year	Difference	
Contribution Income	\$ 462,580	\$ 497,243	\$ (34,663)	
Other Income	\$ 793,422	\$ 569,353	\$ 224,070	
Total Operating Income	\$ 1,256,002	\$ 1,066,596	\$ 189,406	
Operating Expense	\$ 1,116,358	\$ 911,741	\$ (204,617)	
Net	\$ 139,644	\$ 154,855	\$ (15,211)	

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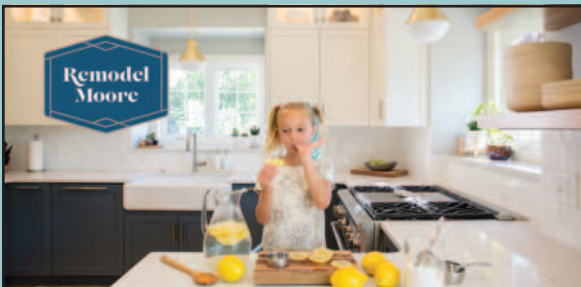



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RACIAL JUSTICE

Participants in the Just Faith: Faith and Racial Justice class continue to learn about ways to address racism in our communities and institutions, guided by scripture. At this week's session, attendees discussed redlining, viewing "[Redlined: A Legacy of Housing Discrimination](#)" and exploring redlining in Kansas City neighborhoods using historical maps from the University of Richmond's [Mapping Inequality](#) website.



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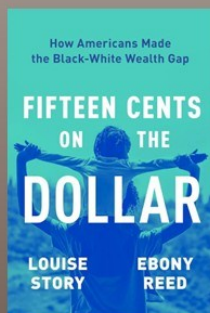


CONTINUING the CONVERSATION about Racism & Our Faith

Thursday, October 16th

Ebony Reed, co-author of *Fifteen Cents on the Dollar: How Americans Made the Black-White Wealth Gap*, will lead a workshop on redlining and economic inequality.

She will also guide participants in discussion and reflection, helping them identify their own meaningful action steps to address inequality in Kansas City.



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6:30 p.m. Gathering
with music from the St. Monica Choir

7:00 p.m. Program



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