

# SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## VISITATION PARISH

### JANUARY 15, 2023



#### 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.

#### MASS SCHEDULE

##### 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



### VISITATION WILL HOST CHORAL ENSEMBLE TE DEUM

on January 21 for a concert of ancient Catholic Music. Presenting works from the 16th century, the concert will

celebrate treasured Renaissance composers like Tallis, Byrd, and Palestrina. Visit [www.te-deum.org](http://www.te-deum.org) for more information. Use Coupon Code VISITATION at checkout for \$10 tickets.

### CONFIRMATION SESSION TODAY, JANUARY 15

Candidates and Sponsors are reminded of today's session at 12 Noon today.

### SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Have an idea for a parent-friendly or teen-friendly offering? Consider scheduling it during School of Religion's *Holy Hour for the Domestic Church* on Mondays, 5:15 – 6:15 pm when school is in session. The church space and Tighe Hall spaces are available for your event. To discuss planning your event during the S.O.R. Holy Hour, contact Teresa Albright at [teresa@church.visitation.org](mailto:teresa@church.visitation.org) or 816-753-7422.

### 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, please contact:

Kathy Diamond, [kathypauldiamond@gmail.com](mailto:kathypauldiamond@gmail.com)  
Amy Thompson, [amywiedemanthompson@gmail.com](mailto:amywiedemanthompson@gmail.com)  
or Linda Williams ([williamslindasue@gmail.com](mailto:williamslindasue@gmail.com)).



## WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

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

### REMEMBER OUR SICK

Pamela Atherton	Scott Martens
Maggie Quirarte Bates	Priscilla McInnes
Marilyn Frechin Blank	Tim McNamara
Leonardo Borders	Thomas McNamara
Chase Brundridge	Tricia Melland
Bernice Campbell	Birdie Mendence
Mike Caraway	Andy Metzler
Shari Caraway	Lionel Morgan
Marianne Carl	Dede Murphy
Beverly Cascone	Jennifer Olson
Mary Beth Cicchetti	Charles Oppenlander
Olivia Connealy	Nicholas Parscale
Jean Cummings	Nicola Pistone
Allie May Dudenhoeffer	Kat Potter
Bill Fuss	Peggy Pruitt
Shana Gadt	Ruth Quirarte
Brooke Kuechler Harris	Quinn Regan
Mike Henninger	Ellie Rose
Joe Irwin	The Ryan Family
William Jewell	The Saalberg Family
Erin Kallman	Fran Schuetz
Jaquie Kallman	Barbara Schulte
Shirley Kempker	Marialice Searcy
Marriane Kersten	Aimee Sesler
Kevin Koch	Sandra Sharp
John Langle	Special Intention
Bryan Larson	Jeannie Sullivan
Betsy Lazere	Salvador Valldeperas, Sr.
Jeanne Lendabarker	Annabelle Whalen
Anthony Lipari, Sr.	Dave Wittrock
Mary Lipari	Leigh Ann Zeller
Jorge Maldonado	

*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 8&12

**On Alert:** Team 2

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY 17-22

**Tuesday, January 17**  
6:45 am Becca Lueke †  
8:15 am Cathy McGee Schuerer †

**Wednesday, January 18**  
6:45 am Suzanne Adams †  
8:15 am Mike Frechin †

**Thursday, January 19**  
6:45 am Don Petersen †

**Friday, January 20**  
8:15 am Marialice Searcy

**Saturday, January 21**  
8:15am Tricia Thompson †  
4:00 pm For the People of Visitation

**Sunday, January 22**  
8:00 am Magdalene Valdez †  
10:30 am Polly Donnelly †

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS JANUARY 21-22

		4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
ALTAR SERVERS	D. Torline <i>sub req</i>	B. Murray	H. Hagenhoff	T. Hagenhoff
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	R. Larson	C. Schorgl	L. Freeman	J. Goeke
LECTOR	B. Roewe	Stephen Miller	Susan Miller	S. Derks
	C. Carmosino	K. Van Asdale	L. Keens	T. Fanning
USHERS	L. Keens	T. Fanning	D. Closson	J. Batz
	J. Batz	P. Levi	G. Canino	T. Batz
SACRISTAN	R. Steinert	E. Johnson	J. Greene	R. Steinert
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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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**Ombudsman, Joe Crayon 816-812-2500**  
**Victim Assistance Coordinator,**  
**Whitney True-Francis 816-392-0011**

## YOGA AT VIS

Linda Heinen will be teaching yoga classes for the Visitation community during the months of January and February. Linda earned the RYS200 Yoga Certification in July 2020 through KC Yoga Kula and has been teaching a variety of classes since. She has been subbing for Sally Johnson at Visitation since April 2022 and will be teaching all classes January 4 - February 28. Sally will resume teaching in March. Current class offerings are Mondays and Wednesdays in the Choir room.

**Gentle Hatha, Mondays 8:30 am** - In this class we blend breath and movement with an emphasis on alignment. Students build endurance and strength while improving flexibility. We focus on the poses that build the foundation of our yoga practice, learn basic stretches, breathing techniques and proper alignment in a relaxed setting. This class is great for beginners and those who want to move at a gentle pace or work on the foundation poses.

**Gentle Hatha classes will begin Monday, January 9!**

**All Levels Flow, Mondays 5:30 pm** - This all levels class combines fundamental alignment principles with flowing movement to build balance, strength and focus. Variations can be incorporated for students who are ready and willing to move their bodies with their breath. Some yoga experience is recommended though all are welcome!

**All Levels Flow classes begin Monday, January 9!**

**Sunrise Yoga, Wednesdays 6:30 am** - This is an all levels class designed to help you set the tone for your day! We will focus on posture, Sun Salutations and aligning breath with movement. This class is great for beginners and seasoned yogis alike. Begin your day by focusing your intentions, calming your mind and energizing your body!

**Sunrise Yoga classes will begin Wednesday, January 11!**

**Vinyasa, Wednesdays 8:30 am** - Vinyasa emphasizes flowing movement, incorporating Sun Salutations, breathing techniques and more complex poses. Students improve stamina, strength and flexibility. Variations will be offered, but some yoga experience is recommended.

**Vinyasa classes began Wednesday, January 4!**

Classes will continue every Wednesday **except January 11 and February 1**, due to Bridge. Classes are \$10 each, please pay Linda Heinen via Venmo, cash or check. Venmo: @Linda-Heinen-4.

## CUB SCOUT BREAKFAST

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**CUB  
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JAN 22. 2023**



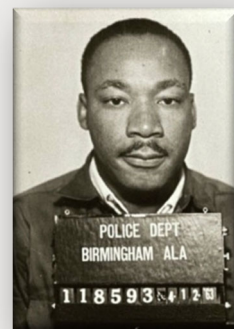
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## RACIAL JUSTICE

### PRAYER SERVICE TO HONOR DR. KING—MONDAY EVENING, JANUARY 16 AT 6:30 PM IN THE CHURCH

On Monday, January 16, our country honors the life, work and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Traditionally a day of service for many Americans, Martin Luther King Jr. Day is also an opportunity to educate ourselves using Dr. King's own words as our guide.

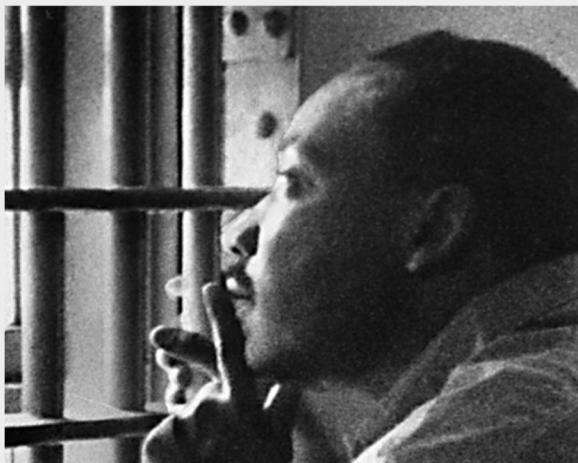
In 1963, a group of Birmingham-area clergymen wrote an open letter condemning Dr. King's nonviolent protests against segregation, calling them "unwise and untimely." Incarcerated in the Birmingham jail at the time, Dr. King wrote an eloquent, principled response to their letter. Although the "I Have a Dream" speech is King's most-known work, "Letter from Birmingham Jail" is considered by many to be his most powerful argument for racial equality.



For the past weeks, some members of the Vis Racial Justice committee have explored a way for the parish to honor the Dr King holiday. This subcommittee has created a prayer service that is rooted in Dr. King's letter from a Birmingham jail.

We hope that you - each of our parishioners-will make an effort to come to the church on Monday evening, January 16 at 6:30 pm.

Please come and bring friends, your children and other family to hear parishioners Gloria Lipari, Audrey Burns, Marie Effertz, Mike Garrett, Ruby Kennedy, Kristin Kratofil, Steve Miller, Zak Akagi-Bustin and Fr. Pat Rush proclaim the message of Dr. King. Come and be part of this service of prayer and inspiration on **Monday, January 16 at 6:30 pm** as we celebrate the vision of Dr. King and consider a renewed commitment to the work of justice.



### Martin Luther King Jr. Day Prayer Service

*Inspired by King's Letter from  
Birmingham Jail*

January 16, 6:30-7:30 pm

Hosted by the Visitation Racial Justice Committee

## SOCIAL CONCERNS

### HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH



"Certainly, there is a lot of ignorance on the topic of trafficking. But sometimes there also seems to be little will to understand the scope of the issue. Why? Because it touches close to our conscience; because it is thorny; because it is shameful. Then there are those at the end of the "supply chain", as a user of the "services" that are offered on the street or on the internet...Yes, it takes courage and honesty, when, in our daily lives we meet or deal with persons who could be victims of human trafficking, or when we are tempted to select items which may well have been produced by exploiting others. The work of raising awareness must begin at home, with ourselves, because only in this way will we be able to

make our communities aware, motivating them to commit themselves so that no human being may ever again be a victim of trafficking." Pope Francis 2018

## PASTORAL CARE

On behalf of the parish community we thank our **Women of Vis Funeral Meal Teams** for serving the **Muraski family**: Joanne Scurato, Kathy Hughes, Nealey Grosdidier, Cynthia Solorio, Shari Kearns, Kathy Honan, Renae Altenhofen, Kristi Calkins, LaNora Hughes, Judy Hartner, Ricki Ritter, Karen Strauss, Christin Steffano, Cathy Colburn, Jeanne Musgrave, Linda Hughes, Martha Franke, Audrey Burns, Amy Thompson, Katie Anderson, Bev Gegen, Amy Holewinski, Colette Hunt, Georganne Kelly, Jane Kieffer, Julie Kivisto, Jeanie Latz, Michaela Logan, Wendy Maggiorotto, Sandie McCray, Jean McDonnell, Mary Etta O'Neill, Ricki Ritter, Kitty Steed, Judy Ragan, Patty Walsh, Bev Winans, Trish Vazzana. **For serving the Hodes family**: Cathy Campbell, Cathy Marx, Charlotte Jett, Chris Alexander, Deborah Bird, Mary Ellen Boozer, Maureen McMeel Carroll, Ruby Kennedy, Nina LaFavor, Julitta Langle, Georgia Lynch, Jolene Lynn, Terry McGhie, Donna Messina, Niccole Noblitt, Mary Ann Oswald, Megan Schaefer, Heather Shinn, Theresa Schekirke, Abigail Swafford, Josh Swafford, **Team 12**: Tatia Batz, Paula Banes, Cathy Brain, Betty Devine, Pattie Donath, Anne Gagel, Anne Lovelace, Jolene Lynn, Stacy Mayer, Katie McGurk, Rhonda Meloy, Holly Mihalovich, Betsy O'Brien, Jennifer O'Hara, Sharon Perry, Karen Rundle, Jane Vaughn, LeeAnne Vorrhees, Shari Webb, Cathy Zitnik. **For serving the Henninger family**: Linda Dro, Lois Roszak, Kelly Alcock, Kara Bemboom Grefrath, Rebecca Bennett, Jennifer Blanck, Mary Buckley, Jean Cummings, Suzette Cutcliff, Anne Dillon, Mary Harte, Margaret Kearns, Trish Mayer, Maureen Noonan, Mary Otto, Becky Selzer, Marny Sherman, Cindy Spaeth, Olga Wittman, Ann Coppage, Hannah Neenan, Tammy Sciara, Michaela Logan, Angela Dimond, Micah Schleogel, Jodi Dickmeyer, Mary Patel and Cassie Flanagan.

A huge thank you to our Women of Vis Funeral Ministry Chairs: Kathy Diamond, Amy Thompson and Linda Williams who coordinate the teams and work hard to share Visitation's love with the families they serve.

## RACISM AND OUR FAITH



### Continuing the Conversation about RACISM AND OUR FAITH

Did you hear the news?!  
St. Therese Little Flower  
has a new school opening  
in Fall 2023!

Our January conversation will now focus on how to support this new Catholic elementary school. Jeremy Lillig, Director of the Bright Futures Fund and Kendra Kemp McGee, Bright Futures Board Member, will be in attendance. We especially hope St. Therese Little Flower parishioners can attend and share their dreams and hopes for this new school.



Thursday, January 26, 2023

Visitation Catholic Church, Tighe Hall \* 5141 Main St., KCMO 64112

Doors Open at 6:30 pm \* Program begins at 7:00 pm

*RSVP appreciated*

# FAITH FORMATION

## VISITATION FAITH FORMATION SUPPER SERIES

Bishop Robert Barron's newest film masterpiece and study program

# THE CREED

## Participant Feedback from Lesson 1 in November 2022

Something Reinforced for Me	Something New to Me	Something that Challenges Me
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Faith</i> is the reasoning of a religious mind.</li> <li>• Rationality <i>informs</i> faith rather than existing in opposition.</li> <li>• Faith is the heart speaking to the heart.</li> <li>• Reason does all its work, faith <i>leaps beyond</i>.</li> <li>• I need to accept other Christians where they are and celebrate our common ground.</li> <li>• The latest transition to “I” believe rather than “We” believe focuses on individual faith rather than a people gathered for public prayer.</li> <li>• God is the <i>ground</i> of all being.</li> <li>• Faith <i>directs</i> the intellect.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The terms <i>perpetual contingency</i>.</li> <li>• “en unum deum” is better translated as belief <i>into</i> God rather than <i>in</i> God.</li> <li>• difference between <i>Intelligibility</i> vs. <i>intelligent design</i>.</li> <li>• <i>tribalism</i> is something that separates Christians from each other.</li> <li>• God is not <i>a being</i> or an object/item.</li> <li>• <i>Faith</i> is not the belief in God’s existence, but rather a <i>trust in God</i> that God has our back.</li> <li>• Belief in God is really a <i>journey into the mystery of God</i>.</li> <li>• In faith, the will directs the intellect.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The church’s use of “I” vs. “we” when we recite the Creed at Mass.</li> <li>• stop seeing God <i>a being</i>, not even a “supreme being.”</li> <li>• to not get caught up in the words and rules, but to be <i>open to the mystery!</i></li> <li>• Following the path of Christ should <i>inspire and unite</i> Christians, not divide us.</li> <li>• Faith is a <i>heart to heart</i> between believers in God.</li> <li>• Reconciling the desert hermit experience of individual faith vs. the experience of a communal faith practiced at Mass.</li> <li>• <i>Form in the universe implies intelligence</i> as an argument for God’s existence.</li> <li>• Explanation of God in terms of intelligent design vs. Intelligibility.</li> </ul>

**COME LEARN WITH OTHERS AND JOIN THE DISCUSSION AT OUR NEXT SESSION ON JANUARY 18**

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](mailto: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](mailto:true.francis@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.



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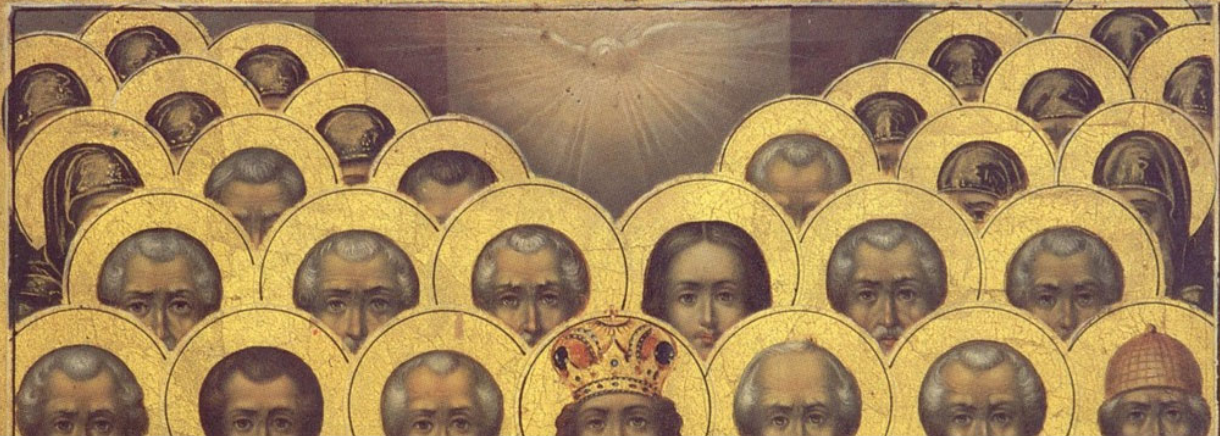
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## SUPPER SERIES

### VISITATION FAITH FORMATION SUPPER SERIES



# THE CREED

Calling all those with a desire to learn. Join us on an adventure through the theology of the Nicene Creed.

## January 18, 2023 | Session 2: "God, the Father Almighty"

At five years old, Thomas Aquinas is said to have posed to his catechism teacher the question of all questions, "But, Master, what is God?" The Creed gives us a succinct, but inexhaustible, answer. The one God is fully actual and unconditioned. God is Creator, the non-contingent source of all contingent reality. Furthermore, God as Father generates, cherishes, and directs all things.

### TIGHE HALL

6:00 p.m.—Doors Open

6:15 p.m.—Simple Supper Served

6:30 p.m.—Program Begins

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April 19, 2023

Session 3: Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son

### LESSON 2: QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

What did St. Augustine mean when he said that God is higher than anything we can imagine, yet closer to us than we are to ourselves? (CCC 300)

What is the difference between the modern concept of freedom and biblical freedom? (CCC 302, 321, 1730–1733)

What is meant by the statement that God creates "heaven and earth, all things visible and invisible"? (CCC 326–327)

What sense of the "invisible" realm have you experienced, if any?

### PERFECT FOR:

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Lovers of science and philosophy  
Adult Candidates for Confirmation  
Teachers and parents (especially of 5th graders)  
Friends & family from other Christian traditions

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