

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
VISITATION PARISH
JANUARY 8, 2023



Visitation Choir Epiphany Concert

January 8 at Visitation Church, 4:00 pm

Please join the Visitation Music Ministry for an evening of
song celebrating the Feast of the Epiphany.

Concert begins at 4:00 pm

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT WEEKEND!

In honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the St. Monica choir will join our

own choir to sing at the

4:00 pm Mass on Saturday, January 14. The Social Concerns Committee will host a reception in the narthex immediately following Mass.



CONFIRMATION REMINDERS

Candidates: you should have given your sponsor book to your sponsor and parents should also have their booklet. Sponsors and Parents should have read their booklet by now. Candidates you should have read during the month of December, chapters 22 & 25. If you are behind, now is the time to catch up before our next session on January 15. If you have not picked up your book, please do so in the parish office.

SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Now taking NEW registrations for School of Religion's spring semester. S.O.R. is a program for parish children, their family and neighbors. We meet Mondays from 5:15 - 6:15 pm and use a lectionary-based curriculum for K - 9 graders. Registration can be found on the parish website or contact Teresa Albright at teresa@church.visitation.org.

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
Amy Thompson, amywiedemanthompson@gmail.com
or Linda Williams (williamslindasue@gmail.com).

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.



WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

WEDDINGS

The parish extends prayers and congratulations to Kelsey Mackprang and Joseph Duffy who were married at Visitation.

OUR SYMPATHY

We, a parish community, extend our prayers and sympathy to Bill Dunn, on the death of his mother Jean Dunn; to Mike Henninger and Lauren Welsh on the death of their wife and mother, Darlene Henninger; to Ann, Joe, Chris and Billy Hodes on the death of their husband and father, Bill Hodes; and to Joan and Michael Bock on the death of their son and brother, Andrew Bock.

REMEMBER OUR SICK

Pamela Atherton
Maggie Quirarte Bates
Marilyn Frechin Blank
Leonardo Borders
Chase Brundridge
Bernice Campbell
Mike Caraway
Shari Caraway
Marianne Carl
Beverly Cascone
Mary Beth Cicchetti
Olivia Connealy
Jean Cummings
Allie May Dudenhoeffer
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Shana Gadt
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Jaquie Kallman
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Marriane Kersten
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Bryan Larson
Betsy Lazere
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Mary Lipari
Jorge Maldonado

Scott Martens
Priscilla McInnes
Tim McNamara
Thomas McNamara
Tricia Melland
Birdie Mendence
Andy Metzler
Lionel Morgan
Dede Murphy
Jennifer Olson
Charles Oppenlander
Nicholas Parscale
Nicola Pistone
Kat Potter
Peggy Pruitt
Ruth Quirarte
Quinn Regan
Ellie Rose
The Ryan Family
The Saalberg Family
Fran Schuetz
Barbara Schulte
Marialice Searcy
Aimee Sesler
Sandra Sharp
Special Intention
Jeannie Sullivan
Salvador Valldeperas, Sr.
Annabelle Whalen
Dave Wittrock
Leigh Ann Zeller

MASS INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY 10-15

Tuesday, January 10
6:45 am Maurice Boucher †
8:15 am Polly Donnelly †

Wednesday, January 11
6:45 am Trevor Weinrich †
8:15 am Jim Lynch †

Thursday, January 12
6:45 am Kelsey Kivisto †

Friday, January 13
8:15 am Ray Offutt

Saturday, January 14
8:15am Polly Donnelly †
4:00 pm Lee Jones †

Sunday, January 15
8:00 am For the People of Visitation
10:30am Danny Farrell †

LITURGICAL MINISTERS JANUARY 14-15

	4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
ALTAR SERVERS	A. Knapp <i>sub req</i> N. Bond J. Berghoff	A. Graziano D. Colombo A. Calkins	B. Braselton N. Clarkson J. Lynch
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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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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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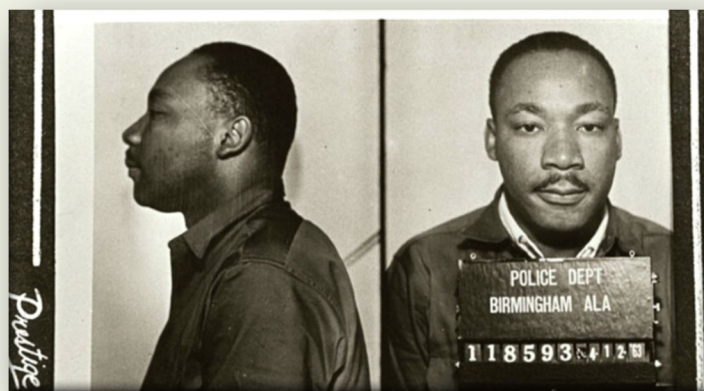
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RACIAL JUSTICE

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.

The Visitation Racial Justice Committee will host a prayer service inspired by "Letter from Birmingham Jail" on **Monday, January 16, from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm** in the church. Come listen to excerpts of Dr. King's letter powerfully conveyed in a prayer setting. All are welcome.



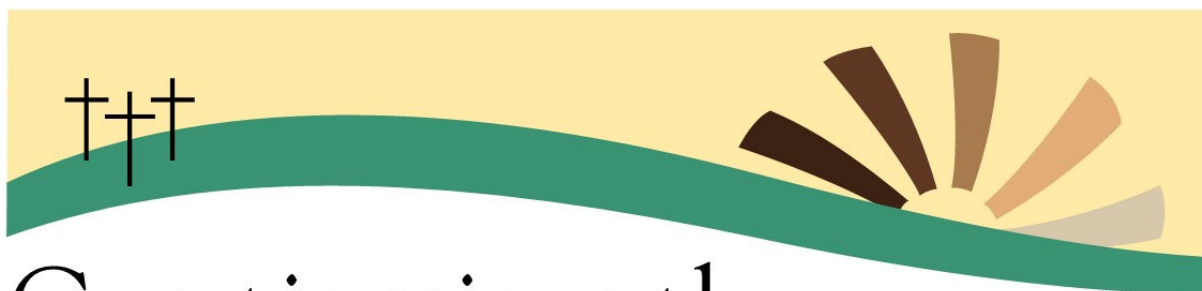
SOCIAL CONCERNS

JANUARY 11 IS NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS DAY

This day seeks to increase understanding among Americans that human trafficking happens in states and communities across the United States. Human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery and occurs when a trafficker uses force, fraud or coercion to control another person for the purpose of engaging in commercial sex acts or soliciting labor or services against his/her will. One easy way to raise awareness today is to **wear blue** and post a photo of yourself on social media with the hashtag #WearBlueDay!



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.



Continuing the Conversation about **RACISM AND OUR FAITH**

Following up on our September 2022 conversation, we will reflect on how a vibrant Catholic school impacts the surrounding community and the Church as a whole. We will discuss what it will take to open a Catholic School that serves the families on the east side of Kansas City. And tables will compose a question or comment for Bishop Johnston when he joins us for our April 13th "Conversation."

Thursday, January 26, 2023

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

Doors Open at 6:30 p.m.

Program begins at 7:00 p.m.



RSVP appreciated



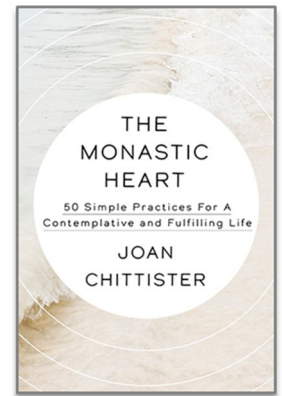
FAITH FORMATION

GET YOUR COPY OF THIS YEAR'S PARISH BOOK WHILE THEY LAST!

ABOUT THE BOOK: This book carries the weight and wisdom of the monastic spiritual tradition into the twenty-first century. Sister Joan leans into Saint Benedict, who, as a young man in the sixth century, sought moral integrity in the face of an empire not by conquering or overpowering the empire but by simply living an ordinary life extraordinarily well. This same monastic mindset can help us grow in wisdom, equanimity, and strength of soul as we seek restoration and renewal both at home and in the world.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Joan Chittister is a Benedictine Sister who has served as president of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious, president of the Conference of American Benedictine Prioresses, and for 12 years was the prioress of her community in Erie, Pennsylvania.



PARTICIPANT RESPONSES TO LESSON I ON THE NICENE CREED FROM BISHOP BARRON'S LATEST VIDEO SERIES.

Something Reinforced for Me	Something New to Me	Something that Challenges Me
• <i>Faith</i> is the reasoning of a religious mind. • Rationality <i>informs</i> faith rather than existing in opposition. • Faith is the heart speaking to the heart. • Reason does all its work, faith <i>leaps beyond</i>. • I need to accept other Christians where they are and celebrate our common ground. • The latest transition to "I" believe rather than "We" believe focuses on individual faith rather than a people gathered for public prayer. • God is the <i>ground</i> of all being. • Faith <i>directs</i> the intellect.	• The terms <i>perpetual contingency</i> • "en unum deum" is better translated as belief <i>into</i> God rather than <i>in</i> God. • difference between <i>intelligibility</i> vs. <i>intelligent design</i> • <i>tribalism</i> is something that separates Christians from each other. • God is not a <i>being</i> or an object/item. • <i>Faith</i> is not the belief in God's existence, but rather a <i>trust in God</i> that God has our back. • Belief in God is really a <i>journey into the mystery of God</i>. • In faith, the will directs the intellect.	• The church's use of "I" vs. "we" when we recite the Creed at Mass. • stop seeing God <i>a being</i>, not even a "supreme being." • to not get caught up in the words and rules, but to be <i>open to the mystery!</i> • Following the path of Christ should <i>inspire and unite</i> Christians, not divide us. • Faith is a <i>heart to heart</i> between believers in God. • Reconciling the desert hermit experience of individual faith vs. the experience of a communal faith practiced at Mass. • <i>Form in the universe implies intelligence</i> as an argument for God's existence. • Explanation of God in terms of intelligent design vs. intelligibility

COME LEARN WITH OTHERS AND JOIN THE CONVERSATION AT OUR NEXT SESSION ON JANUARY 18, 2023. SEE THE BACK OF THE BULLETIN FOR MORE INFORMATION.



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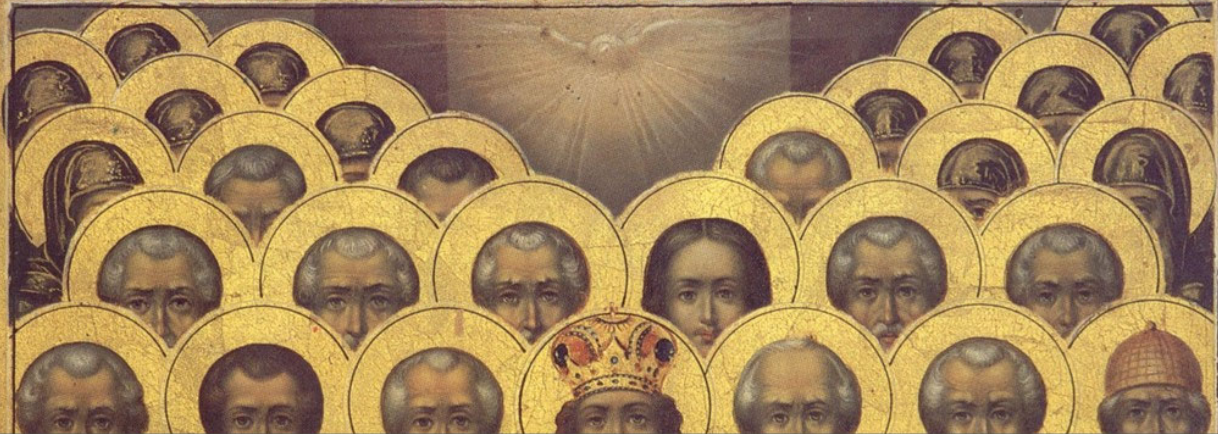
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VISITATION FAITH FORMATION SUPPER SERIES



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

SAVE THE DATE!

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?

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