

Finding God in the Dark: Viewing Films that Make a Difference

2 p.m., the first Sunday of the month

Free-will offering

Kathie Budesky, IHM, director of Visitation North, will facilitate. Following many years as a secondary school theology teacher and administrator, she was a staff associate of the Ignatian program in Spiritual Direction and Retreat Ministry at Guelph, Ontario.

Feb. 5 – 42 (2013)

“Hero” is a word we hear often in sports, but heroism is not always about achievements on the field of play. *42* tells the story of two men, the great Jackie Robinson and legendary Brooklyn Dodgers GM Branch Rickey, whose brave stand against prejudice forever changed the world by changing the game of baseball. Facing unabashed racism from every side, Robinson was forced to demonstrate tremendous courage and restraint by not reacting in kind, knowing that any incident could destroy his and Rickey's hopes. Instead, Number 42 let his talent on the field do the talking, ultimately winning over fans and his teammates, silencing his critics and paving the way for others to follow.

March 5 – *A Time for Miracles* (1980)

A Time for Miracles is the inspiring story of America's first native-born saint, Mother Elizabeth Seton. Kate Mulgrew gives a moving performance as Elizabeth, a convert to Catholicism who overcame the great tragedy of the deaths of her young husband and two children, and went on to found the American Sisters of Charity and the first American Catholic schools. It has been called “a film of unusual strength and beauty.”

April 2 – *El Norte* (1983)

Brother and sister, Enrique and Rosa, flee persecution at home in Guatemala and journey north, through Mexico and on to the United States, with the dream of starting a new life. It's a story that happens every day, but until Gregory Nava's groundbreaking *El Norte* (*The North*), the personal travails of immigrants crossing the border to America had never been shown with such urgent humanism. A work of social realism imbued with dreamlike imagery, *El Norte* is a lovingly rendered, heartbreaking story of hope and survival, which critic Roger Ebert called “a *Grapes of Wrath* for our time.”

May 7 – *Mrs. Miniver* (1942)

A movie doesn't win seven Oscars for nothing! A glowing Greer Garson (Best Actress) commands the screen as Mrs. Kay Miniver, a middle-class British housewife whose strength holds her family together as World War II literally hits their home. The film, which also won for Best Picture and Best Director, is filled with colorful characters, snappy dialogue and sensational plot twists. Although you spend much of the movie dreading that one of the Minivers will become a casualty of war, when it finally happens, it's not what you anticipated. It's exactly what you'd expect from a legendary film that lives up to its billing.

June 4 – *To Sir, with Love* (1967)

A first-year teacher faces a class of rowdy, undisciplined working-class punks in this classic film that reflected some of the problems and fears of teens in the 1960s. Sidney Poitier gives one of his finest performances as Mark Thackeray, an out-of-work engineer who turns to teaching in London's tough East End. The graduating class, led by Denham (Christian Roberts), Pamela (Judy Geeson) and Barbara (Lulu), who also sings the hit title song, sets out to destroy Thackeray as they did his predecessor by breaking his spirit. But Thackeray, no stranger to hostility, meets the challenge by treating the students as young adults who will soon enter a work force where they must stand or fall on their own. When offered an engineering job, Thackeray must decide if he wants to stay.

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of welcome
for all who seek
quiet space,
spiritual
companionship
or
opportunity
for spiritual
growth.***

By Individual Request

Visitation-on-Call

Our staff may come to your site or your group can come to Visitation North for a staff day, a retreat, an evening of reflection or workshop. We'll work with you to design what best fits the needs of your group and will facilitate the program.

Musing Over Mugs

First Saturday of the month

10 a.m. - noon

With Marie Miller, IHM, women explore the blessings and challenges of their lives over a cup of coffee or tea, looking through the eyes of faith.

Monthly Centering Prayer

Third Saturday of the month

10 a.m. – noon

Those interested in doing centering prayer in a group meet with Mary Ann Flanagan, IHM, for prayer, ongoing education and mutual support.

Use Our Space

Visitation North is available for groups seeking a change of venue where they can conduct their programs. We can accommodate up to 24 people comfortably.

Our facility includes

- A large gathering room
- A garden library
- Several smaller “break-out rooms” for use by individuals or small groups
- A chapel
- A kitchenette

Contact us for more information about the center, its availability and our rental fees.



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between 14 Mile and 15 Mile (Maple) Roads.

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building.

Come upstairs at that first door.

Please note that we are
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