

Becoming Wise

summer patio series 2024 | kick off party

Connect with the members of your group! Begin by getting to know your group – start by sharing a bit about who you are, how you are connected to St. Michael's, and a one word “why” that captures why you joined the patio series this summer.

Open your discussion with an invitation to a brave space. Have one person recite the poem below:

Together we will create brave space
Because there is no such thing as a “safe space”
We exist in the real world We all carry scars and we have all caused wounds.
In this space
We seek to turn down the volume of the outside world.
We amplify voices that fight to be heard elsewhere,
We call each other to more truth and love
We have the right to start somewhere and continue to grow.
We have the responsibility to examine what we think we know.
We will not be perfect.
It will not always be what we wish it to be
But
It will be our brave space together,
And
We will work on it side by side.

by Micky Scottbey Jones

Discuss the following questions (or simply dwell in one or two that feel right for your group)

The author, Krista Tippett is an author, public broadcaster, and podcast creator and host.
Share if you have you experienced other work from Krista Tippett in the past, and if that informs your expectations of this book.

As an astute interviewer, Krista listens for a living. In the introduction to this book, she says “Listening is about being present, not just about being quiet.” Be a listening presence to one another as you take turns sharing your response to the question she asks every person on her podcast... **“what is the spiritual or religious background of your childhood?”**

The title of the book is “Becoming Wise”. **Is there a difference for you between wisdom and knowledge? What sources do you rely on for wisdom? What person do you feel embodies or carries wisdom?**

In the introduction, Krista writes “This book is for people who want to take up the great questions of our time with imagination and courage, to nurture new realities in the spaces we inhabit, and to do so expectantly and with joy.” **Describe the spaces you inhabit - that is, the identities, roles, vocations you hold. What “new realities” are desperately needed in those spaces? What do you see in the world or in your life that needs changing?**

Close your conversations with the following prompt:

"This summer, I hope to experience more _____ and less _____"

Pray for your group

Bless our gatherings this summer, O Lord: May the space we create together be a place of celebration, conversation, and caring. May it be a space of bearing burdens and multiplying joys. May it be a place of challenge, counsel, comfort, and consideration, where our wisdom is deepened. May we savor this season as we live it together in the warmth of your love. Amen.

Pick your next meeting location and time

Sunday Group	Wednesday Group	Thursday Group
June 9 (chapters 1 & 2) June 23 (chapter 3)	June 12 (chapters 1 & 2) June 26 (chapter 3)	June 13 (chapters 1 & 2) June 27 (chapter 3)
July 14 (chapter 4) July 28 (chapter 5)	July 10 (chapter 4) July 24 (chapter 5)	July 11 (chapter 4) July 25 (chapter 5)
August 11 (chapter 6)	August 14 (chapter 6)	August 8 (chapter 6)

