

Saint Sabina Catholic Church

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Mass Times

Saturday: 4:00pm in English

Sunday: 8:00am and 10:30am in English,
12:30pm in Spanish

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Mass times**

Altar Society Semi-Annual Jewelry and Religious Articles Sale

St. Sabina's Altar Society is offering a beautiful selection of medals, crucifixes, rosaries, bracelets, and necklaces after Masses *this weekend*. Advent wreaths and candles are also available. Stop by the table early for the best selection! All proceeds benefit St. Sabina parish. Cash, checks and credit cards will be accepted.

Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 20, 2016

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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Intentions for November 21-25, 2016

Mon.	8am	Communion Service
Tues.	6pm	†Fr. Paul A. Blaes
Wed.	11am	†Victor Cornejo (Carnegie Village)
Thurs.	9am	†Pat Simpson

Saturday, November 26, 2016

4:00pm †Charles Bybee

Sunday, November 27, 2016

8:00am	†Gloria McLaughlin
10:30am	Intentions of the Parish Family
	†Vita Stegenga
12:30pm Spanish	†Jesús Eduardo Iruegas

From Death to New Life De la Muerte a la Nueva Vida

†Tom Gudenkauf, husband of Judy Gudenkauf

†Victor Cornejo, primo de la Familia Cedillo

†Mabel Hopkins, mother of Sandy Flynn

†Lewis Proctor, husband of Emie Proctor



Calendar/Faith Formation

Sunday, November 20 - Domingo, 20 de Noviembre

Altar Society Jewelry Sale

Christ the King—Tomorrow's Priests Appeal

9:00am Parents Lounge

9:00am PSR

10:30am Bible Study

11:00am Escuela de Religión

1:30pm Reunión del Ministerio Hispano

1:30pm Ensayo—Obra de Guadalupe

2:00pm Search Meeting

7:00pm High School and Confirmation

7:00pm Ensayo—Matachines

Monday, November 21 - Lunes, 21 de Noviembre

5:30pm Marian Prayer Group

7:00pm Cub Scouts/Boy Scouts

7:00pm Getting to Know Your Faith

8:00pm Choir Practice (8:00 group)

Tuesday, November 22 - Martes, 22 de Noviembre

7:00am Youth Prayer Group

7:00pm ESL/Inglés Como Segunda Lengua

7:00pm Ensayo—Obra de Guadalupe

7:00pm Ensayo—Matachines

Wednesday, November 23 - Miércoles, 23 de Noviembre

9:00am Legion of Mary

10:00am Uplift Thanksgiving Meal Prep

11:00am Mass at Carnegie Village

7:00pm Ensayo—Matachines

Thursday, November 24 - Jueves, 24 de Noviembre

Office Closed—Thanksgiving

9:00am Thanksgiving Day Mass

Friday, November 25 - Viernes, 25 de Noviembre

Office Closed

7:00pm Ensayo—Matachines

Saturday, November 26 - Sábado, 26 de Noviembre

Christmas Light Recycle

3:00pm Confessions

Sunday, November 27 - Domingo, 27 de Noviembre

Christmas Light Recycle

10:30am Rite of Acceptance

1:30pm Ensayo—Obra de Guadalupe

7:00pm Ensayo—Matachines

Getting to Know Your Faith

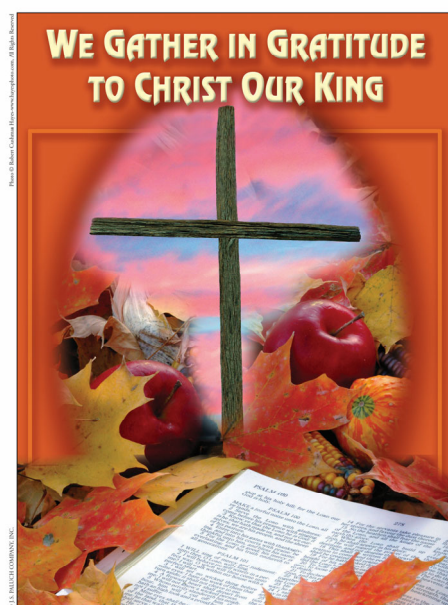
This year, the St. Sabina Adult Faith Formation Team is offering a series called "Getting to Know Your Faith." Many Catholics see the need for growing in their faith by exploring the richness of the tradition and wisdom that has been handed down to us from those who have gone before us. Taking seriously Vatican II's call to form people into "full, conscious and active" participants in their faith lives, we are offering these sessions to provide another avenue of continued growth in our faith.

Every third Monday of the month, from 7-8:30 PM, we will explore a different topic together that will help us in getting to know our faith better. The next session will be:

Nov 21, 2016— Lectionary Structure and the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany Season

The sessions will be facilitated by Biagio Mazza, Pastoral Associate of St. Sabina Parish. To register, please contact Biagio either by phone at 816-979-3153 or by e-mail at biagio@stsabinaparish.org.

Thanksgiving Day Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, November 24th at 9:00 AM. You may bring a food item that you will share at your Thanksgiving meal to be blessed during Mass. Items brought to Mass can be placed on the table in church and will be blessed at the end of Mass. You can pick them up after Mass to bring home for your meal. The church offers this blessing as a way for us to offer thanks to God for the blessings He bestows on us and to connect our prayer at Mass to our family celebration that day.



Parish Happenings and Information

Area of Remembrance

Thank you to all who brought pictures in for our Area of Remembrance. It was a lovely display this year and a great reminder of our connection to the Communion of Saints. We honor your loved ones and continue to keep them in prayer. As November comes to a close, the Area of Remembrance will be concluded. Please plan to take your pictures home the weekend of November 19 & 20. Thank you.

Christmas Lunch for Seniors at Carnegie Village

All senior adults are invited to Carnegie Village's Ninth Annual Pastor's Christmas Luncheon which will be held on Thursday, December 1st at Noon. This event is free and those that attend will enjoy lunch in Carnegie's dining room with beautiful Christmas music provided by "Steve". Please RSVP by November 25th by calling 816-331-7848.

Christmas Caroling

The Ladies Auxiliary will be Christmas Caroling in December. If you're interested in joining them, or need more information, contact Nancy Meiron at 816-820-6109 or lennan7328@sbcglobal.net

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Each weekend of Advent, members of the parish are invited to help light the candles of the Advent Wreath during the entrance procession of each Mass. If you would like to light a candle, please sign up for a date and Mass time on the sign-up sheet in the gathering space. Please plan to arrive 15 minutes before the Mass for which you have signed up. You will process in with Father and the servers, light the candle(s) for that week and then be seated in your pew. If children would like to help light a candle, we ask that a parent please assist them. Contact Susan Ratigan with questions or to sign up. susan@stsabinaparish.org

The Parish Office will be closed on:
Thursday, November 24
Friday, November 25
In observance of Thanksgiving

La Oficina Parroquial se cerrará el:
Jueves, 24 de Noviembre
Viernes, 25 de Noviembre
En observancia del Día de
Acción de Gracias

Recycle your old,
non-working
Christmas lights!

The St. Sabina Green Team is offering 3 opportunities for parishioners to recycle their old Christmas lights again this year:

November 26/27
December 3/4
January 7/8

El Equipo de Ecología de Sta. Sabina está ofreciendo 3 oportunidades, otra vez este año, para que los feligreses puedan reciclar sus luces navideñas descompuestas:

26/27 de Noviembre
3/4 de Diciembre
7/8 de Enero

Recicle sus luces
navideñas
descompuestas!

Pastoral Care

Nursing Home Mass Schedule

Nov	23	11:00am	Carnegie Village
Nov	30	8:00am	St. Sabina (5th Wednesday)
Dec	7	10:30am	Beautiful Savior

Anointing of the Sick?

If you suffer from a chronic illness, the affect of advanced years or have an upcoming surgery and wish to receive Anointing of the Sick let Fr Jeff know before the Mass you attend and he will be glad to anoint you after Mass. If you would like to schedule it in advance or make an appointment for a weekday contact Marta Roper in the parish office at 816-979-3154.

Bulletin Prayer Request List

Parishioners who are ill, or who have a loved one who is ill, may request to have the person remembered on the Prayer Request list published in our bulletin. Names will remain on the list for two months but may be resubmitted upon request. Please remember permission must be given by the individual before the name can be published. To add or remove a name from the list contact Marta Roper, in the parish office. 816-979-3154.

Thanks to all who attended the Crossroads Hospice presentation.

Prayer Requests/Peticiones de Oración

Felipe Abarca	Frances DiGeorge	Alice Miller
Belen Antillon	Patrick Dull	Elvia Mora
Dick Armstrong	Butch Ford	Sherril Nevins
Marilyn Avalos	Fr. Paul Frank	Johnnie Nicholes
Suzie Ashbaugh	Dick Garnier	Jane Nouryeh
Polleth Bautista	Cristian Garcia	Vicki Owen
Yesika Benavides	Nicholas Geridano	Leon Palomares
John Bidondo	Wendy Gomez	Gary Palmer
Allie Biondo	Sergio Guzman	Thelma Palmer
Joe Birkenbach	Lucy Harlan	Connie Read
David Bland	Laverne Harlow	Noah Stanley
Carol Bland	Connie Harper	Leo Storm
Yolanda Blanks	Jason Hart	Jim Storm
Hilda Burchett	Jeanette Hart	Ruth Tayler
Christine Carr	Cherie Hatfield	Angel Thomas
Rick Castenada	Bob Heffernan	John Vigil
Shirley Castor	Darlene Henderson	John West
Barbara Clark	Kelly Jordon	Bob Westfall
Virginia Coday	Kelsey Krum	Mary Westfall
Steve Collier	Debbie Locke	Ben Winter
Joseph Coots	Jo Locke	Brenda Winter
Phil Cummings	Joe Malena	Merle Woolworth
Donna Dailey	Dick Martin	Truly Wright
Paul DeMar	Dodie Maurer	Emy Yeater
Doris Deschenes	Bob McDonald	Carmitia Yust
Richard Deschenes	Denise Mehlo	Pablo Zayas
Nolan Dickerson		

Wellness Center

Imagine You Slept Better than You Did

What??? Telling yourself you got a good night's rest may make a difference in how you think and feel: In a study in the Journal of Experimental Psychology, scientists told one group of subjects that they had logged an above-average amount of REM sleep, while a second group was told they didn't get enough. Then



everyone was given a test that measured their cognitive function. The above-average sleepers performed better than those told they'd slept poorly. "Simply hearing that you had high-quality sleep may trigger automatic responses, like heightened energy, that your brain has come to associate with being well rested." Just another example of how self-talk affects our health. So make it a habit of making positive health suggestions; remember, your body is listening!

Please call us to set up your annual biometric screening. We are here to support EVERYONE'S health and well-being!
816-979-3090

Wellness Center Class Schedule

Monday:	Intermediate Yoga 1-2pm Gentle Yoga 2-3pm Yoga 6-7pm
Tuesday:	Stretch & Strength 1-2pm Gentle Stretch & Strength 2-3pm
Wednesday:	CENTER CLOSES AT NOON
Thursday:	CLOSED
Friday:	CLOSED
Saturday:	CLOSED



Area Information

Closing Mass for the Year of Mercy

On Sunday, November 20th at 2pm Bishop Johnston will celebrate a Mass at the Cathedral in Kansas City to commemorate the closing of the Year of Mercy. All parishioners are invited to attend.

Advent Penance Services

Our Penance Service at St. Sabina will be held on Tuesday, December 13 at 7pm. Other area services will be held as follows:

-Nov 29	St. Matthew	7pm
-Dec 2	St. Catherine	7pm
-Dec 11	St Thomas More	2pm
-Dec 13	St Sabina	7pm
-Dec 15	St Bernadette	7pm

Support Our Seminarians Benefit Dinner- Jan27

The 24th annual Support Our Seminarians Benefit Dinner is dedicated to the 100th anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima. It is scheduled for Friday, January 27, 2017. This event benefits seminarians from the Archdiocese of Kansas City, KS, the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, and Conception Seminary College. It promises to be an evening filled with fun and laughter, celebrating our Catholic faith, dining on wonderful food, and socializing with our priests and seminarians! We have two wonderful speakers this year, Fr. Richard Storey, who is currently the pastor of Cure of Ars Parish in Leawood, and Cruz Gallegos, who is a senior at Conception. SOS will be held at Union Station, 30 West Pershing Rd, KCMO. The reservation price is \$175 per person with 10 seats per table. To reserve your place, or an entire table, contact Martha Hodes at 913-207-9893 or mmmhsos512@gmail.com. Check out the new website at www.supportourseminarians.com.

Contemporary Spirituality Speaker Series

Impact of Personal Spirituality on the Parish Community

Fr. Don Farnan

Tuesday, December 6th—at Avila University, 7:00pm-9:00pm

Fr. Farnan, ordained in 1987, is pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Parish. After graduating from Rockhurst College, he received a Master of Divinity from the University of St. Mary of the Lake, Chicago, and a Master in Christian Spirituality from Creighton University. He has served as pastor of several parishes, most recently St. Thomas More. Diocesan positions in which he served are Director of Vocations, Director of Priest Personnel, and the College of Consultors. He established the Upper Room, an inner city literacy program for youth and their families. He is author of: *Crossroads of Hope: A Priest's Inner (City) Journey*; *This Bold Prayer: A Collection of Spiritual Essays*, and *A Parish for all Seasons: A Year in the Life of Saint Thomas More School*.

happy birthday

Jessica Alvarado	Gloria Garcia	Joshua Perez
Julissa Arreola	Leticia Garcia	Krisla Peterman
Tom Baldwin	Jason Giacone	Michael Pierce
George Barrios	Violeta Gomez	Frances Prendergast
Anthony Beecher	Miguel Guerra	Kara Pruitt
Pauline Bellm	Daniel Guzman	Maria Reyes
Debbie Borgman	Virginia Hainey	Stephanie Reynolds
George Bremer	Carolyn Hedgepeth	Adalberto Rivera
Gina Buice	Gil Hernandez	Maribel Rocha
Ilene Burns	Kathleen Huffman	Jean Rodriguez
Rosalva Canchola	Leah Jarvis	Luis Rojas
Barbara Carter	Yahir Lopez	Kayla Roper
Jasmine Cervantes	Yuvaniz Lopez	John Ryan
Cynthia Circo	Eunices Martinez	Marilee Salazar
Misael Clemente	Helen McBride	Bentley Stegner
Allison Contreras-De la Cruz	Robert McDonald	Yair Trejo
Bob Coshun	Gladys Mendez	Alejandra Valles
Deborah Croux	Jenry Menjivar	Brandy Velasco
Robin Crutcher	Aspen Michalski	Brian Velazquez
Darlene Davila-Carlock	Perla Molina	Juan Villasana Carrion
Jack Davis	Ann Morris	Morgan Wall
Ximena Duran	Aiden Muder	Sharon Wigglesworth
Heidy Escobar	Jeffrey Overhaug	Noeline Woolrich
Cecilia Fonseca	Joseph Palomares	John Woolridge
Genoveva Garcia	Barry Park	Yadira Zarco

Happy Anniversary

Jim and Peg Agnew	52 Years!	11-26-1964
Paul and Mary O'Brien	49 Years!	11-25-1967
Don and Marilyn Grieb	47 Years!	11-22-1969
Michael and Diane Rooney	46 Years!	11-24-1970
Maurice and Monica Burgin	26 Years!	11-24-1990
Gustavo Morales and Dina Aguero	25 Years!	11-25-1991
Gerardo and Maura Arenivas	24 Years!	11-21-1992
Brent and Jeanne Hermsmeier	21 Years!	11-25-1995
Stephen and Jennifer Moore	18 Years!	11-21-1998
Daniel and Maira Lopez	17 Years!	11-27-1999
Franklin and Maria Lopez	16 Years!	11-25-2000
Phillip and Maria Rodriguez	6 Years!	11-27-2010

Wedding Congratulations

Congratulations to **Javier Aguirre and Brenda Chavez** who were married on November 19th, 2016.

Baptism Congratulations

Mason Cooper, son of Jon and Whitney Kirchhoff



School of Religion/Youth Ministry

Volunteer Opportunities



Uplift Org. If you would like to bring meals to the homeless on the 4th or 5th Monday of any month, please contact Kirstie Roberts! This ministry

is open to all parishioners age 14 and older. Volunteers must report to the Uplift Warehouse by 5pm and will be finished around 9:30pm.

Uplift Cooks! Anyone who would like to help prepare a meal for the homeless is welcome to join our team on the 4th Monday of each month at 10am in the gym. We recommend that you bring a good cutting knife, vegetable peeler and can opener. Our next cooking date is November 28th.



Harvesters! This local food bank provides food to needy families around the KC area. Volunteers are needed to help sort food donations and pack weekend food bags for kids in our community. We will be taking a group of 5 people on the third Thursday of each month. Our next date is December 15th, 6-8pm. If you would like to volunteer, call or email Kirstie in the Youth Office.

Community Meals Lord of Love Lutheran Church offers a free meal to the community each Wednesday. Every third Wednesday of the month St. Sabina volunteers help prepare, serve and clean up in an effort to work together with other Christians to carry out Christ's work. Our next volunteer date is December 21st. Contact Berenice Zayas in the parish office for more information or to sign up. Phone: 816-979-3150 or email: berenice@stsabinaparish.org.

Thanksgiving Dinner for Uplift! Please check your email for information about our special dinner we will prepare for the homeless of Kansas City. Each year we provide meals for 250 hungry souls on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, November 23rd. We will need volunteers to help prepare the meal, bring donations of food and money, and kind hearts to bake pies and deliver them to the parish gym on the 23rd. We will be cooking, peeling, mashing, carving and laughing from 9am until 4pm. If you are interested in assisting in any way, please contact Kirstie Roberts at 816-979-3155 or by email. Every little bit makes a difference!!

Longview Lights Trip! On December 7th our junior high youth will drive out to see the beautiful Christmas display at Longview Lake. This is a special event that requires each student to bring a permission slip. Because of the drive and time it takes to tour the lights, we will leave at 7pm and return around 9pm.

Child Safety

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 Diocesan Ombudsman, Jenifer Valenti, at 816.812.2500 or JeniferValenti@att.net, 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 Victim Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011 or chastain@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

All volunteers with youth and children must attend one Protecting God's Children workshop, submit to a background check and sign the policy on Ethics and Integrity in Ministry, (EIM). More info at <https://kcsj catholic.org/the-office-of-child-and-youth-protection/>

High School Youth! Our December 4th meeting is a service project night! Please bring items for the homeless so that we can prepare Christmas care packages. Items would include travel size toiletries, hand and foot warmers, individually wrapped snacks (beef jerky is a favorite), bottled water, can openers, matches, candles, mini flashlights and anything else you can think of that would be a welcome gift.

PSR News

- The Parish School of Religion will be closed the weekend of November 27th for the Thanksgiving holiday.
- Our next Donut Sunday will be December 4th and the 2nd grade will be hosting. Please send your little helpers to the donut table after the 8am and 10:30am masses to serve our parish family.
- December 11th is our Teachers Breakfast for all of our PSR Teachers, Youth Leaders and Peer Ministers at 8:15am.



Stewardship

"He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things he himself might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile all things for him, making peace by the blood of his cross through him, whether those on earth or those in heaven."

Colossians 1: 17-20

In his encyclical establishing this observation (of Christ the King) in the Church (this only occurred in 1925, some 91 years ago) Pope Pius XI declared, "He (Jesus) must reign in our minds, which should assent with perfect submission and firm belief to revealed truths and to the doctrines of Christ. He must reign in our wills, which should obey the laws and precepts of God. He must reign in our hearts, which should spurn natural desires and love God above all things." His point was that Christ needs to be at the center of our lives, which is exactly what stewardship calls for — living Christ-centered lives. — See more at www.catholicsteward.com/blog/

November 13 Contributions

Envelopes/Sobres:	\$9,032.79
Plate/Canasta:	\$ 906.51
Maintenance-Upkeep:	\$ 970.00
Christmas Flowers:	\$1,072.00

Tomorrow's Priests

Our second collection this weekend, November 19-20 is for the Tomorrow's Priests Appeal to assist our diocese in the education of our seminarians. We welcome Fr. Curt, who is celebrating our Masses this weekend. Fr. Curt will speak to us about his experience as a seminarian and how important this appeal is.

Annual Catholic Appeal Update

Thanks to the 62 families who have contributed to the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA). So far we have received \$10,120.00 in pledges and contributions, which is about 54% of our parish goal. We are trying to achieve 100% participation; about 4% of our families have made a contribution thus far.



Got Leaves?

The Community Garden would like your bagged leaves for mulch and compost. Call David Pierce at 816-392-1110 to schedule a pick up.

Chiefs Raffle Tickets for El Salvador Students

Please help Fr. Jeff make the most of his very generous donation of Chiefs season tickets by purchasing a chance to win tickets to the game. Each chance costs \$20 and the seats are located at Section 101, Row 27, Seats 11 and 12.

We are selling chances for the following games:
Thursday, December 8th, 7:25pm, Los Angeles Raiders
Sunday, December 18th, Noon, Tennessee Titans
Sunday, December 25th, 7:30pm, Denver Broncos

You may purchase a raffle ticket to one of the above games at any time. To purchase a raffle ticket, please contact either Fr Jeff or Kris and let us know which game you'd like to purchase the raffle ticket for.

Again, please help Fr. Jeff raise funds to send our el Salvador scholarship students to college. Without our help they will not be able to get an education and their families will continue to live in poverty.

Jesse Tree

This year our Jesse Tree will be starting on the weekend of November 26/27. This is what we will be collecting each week:

❄ Nov 26th and 27th

Toys (unwrapped)

❄ Dec 3rd and 4th

Hats, gloves, scarves, socks, etc.

❄ Dec 10th and 11th

Canned and non-perishable food items

❄ Dec 17th and 18th

Special collection for Religious Retirement

Thank you for your generosity in our Jesse Tree collections this year!



Green Team Tip of the Week

Instead of shopping on Black Friday, observe National Buy Nothing Day. Support our local economy by Christmas shopping on Small Business Saturday.



Reflection on the Readings



Today is the last Sunday of the Liturgical Year. Next Sunday, the First Sunday of Advent, begins a whole new year of grace in the Lord, Liturgical Year A. On this feast of Christ, the King of the Universe, we honor Christ as the king of all creation who crowns the entire church year with presence, grace and power. The readings allow us to explore what such presence, grace and power entail. While the first reading speaks of David being recognized and anointed as king of Israel, the gospel reading offers us Jesus, the king, nailed to a cross.

Jesus is pictured as coming from the lineage and house of David, the king and royal line that God promised never to forsake. When David's line came to an end at the Babylonian exile, the Jewish people continued to trust in the Lord's promises and looked forward to one who would come from David's line to restore peace, harmony and God's healing and graceful presence to the people and to all of creation.

For Christians, Jesus is the long awaited one from the line of David. But Jesus, the new king of the Jews, offers a different model of kingship than the one typically imagined. Jesus' kingly exercise of power is not one of domination or lording it over others, but rather one of being willing to suffer and die so that others might live. Jesus' kingship involves fidelity to values that enhance the dignity and worth of every human being, no matter what the cost. Justice, concern for the poor, right relationship with all of creation, breaking down established boundaries, welcoming all to the table, challenging the status quo, calling for systemic change – all are crucial agendas of Jesus' reign.

Luke presents Jesus as one continually attuned to all these agendas from the beginning of his life to the end. Even on the cross, Jesus is attentive to the request of the "good" thief and promises him paradise, a place at the Lord's table in the Lord's house. The good thief could have easily sung the refrain from Psalm 122 that we are all encouraged to sing this Sunday, "Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord."

What boldness allows us to enter the Lord's house rejoicing? That boldness can only come from living a life modeled on Jesus' values and agendas. These are the building blocks of Jesus' kingdom, with the cross as its solid foundation. The second reading from Colossians clearly affirms that "by the blood of his cross" Jesus reconciled all things and brought peace to all on earth as well as heaven. The willingness to give of oneself for others while not stopping to count the cost is the model that Jesus presents to all who would desire or choose to follow him. This lifestyle is the only one that can insure peace and reconciliation with all while at the same time making the reign of God real, present and available to all creation.

As we close this year of grace and anticipate the start of a new one, reflect on how you have contributed to the building up of God's reign. Where have you broken down boundaries and established just and right relationships this year? How have you welcomed the stranger, the foreigner, the homeless, and the rejected to your table this year? How have you manifested a willingness to suffer rather than compromise what you believe to be God's kingdom values?

As you reflect on the past year, think on how you will continue to build, deepen or strengthen the reign of God this coming year of grace. "Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord."

Biagio Mazza,
Pastoral Associate

Readings



Sunday, November 20

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-3

Psalm: Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 (see 1)

2nd Reading: Colossians 1:12-20

Gospel: Luke 23:35-43

Sunday, November 27

1st Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalm: Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

2nd Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

Bible Study

Catholics are mostly exposed to the Bible through the Sunday Lectionary Readings. In order to help us all enter into the Bible through the Sunday readings, we are offering study sessions that will provide an opportunity to read, to study background to the readings, and to reflect on how to apply the readings to our lives. **We will gather on November 20th and December 11th at 10:30am.** All are welcome. Bring a Bible and a friend. To register for these sessions, please call Biagio at 816-979-3153.



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Reflexión Sobre las Lecturas



Hoy es el último domingo del Año Litúrgico. El próximo domingo, el primer domingo de Adviento, comienza un nuevo año de gracia en el Señor, Año Litúrgico A. En esta fiesta de Cristo, Rey del Universo, honramos a Cristo como el rey de toda la creación que corona a todo el año de la Iglesia con presencia, gracia y poder. Las lecturas nos permiten explorar lo que tal presencia, gracia y poder implican. Mientras que la primera lectura habla de David, reconocido y ungido como rey de Israel, el evangelio nos ofrece Jesús, el rey, clavado en una cruz.

Jesús es representado como procedente del linaje y casa de David, el rey y la línea real a que Dios prometió no abandonar nunca. Cuando la línea de David llegó a su fin en el exilio babilónico, el pueblo judío siguió confiando en las promesas del Señor y esperaba a alguien que viniera de la línea de David para restaurar la paz, la armonía y la curación y gracia de Dios al pueblo y a toda la creación.

Para los Cristianos, Jesús es el esperado de la línea de David. Pero Jesús, el nuevo rey de los judíos, ofrece un modelo diferente de la realeza que lo que típicamente se imagina. El ejercicio real de poder de Jesús no es de dominación o de señorío sobre otros, sino de estar dispuesto a sufrir y morir para que otros puedan vivir. La realeza de Jesús implica la fidelidad a los valores que realzan la dignidad y el valor de cada ser humano, sin importar el costo. La justicia, la preocupación por los pobres, la relación correcta con toda la creación, rompiendo los límites establecidos, dando la bienvenida a todos a la mesa, desafiando el status quo, llamando a un cambio sistémico, son agendas cruciales del reinado de Jesús.

Lucas presenta a Jesús como uno continuamente sintonizado con todas estas agendas desde el principio de su vida hasta el final. Incluso en la cruz, Jesús está atento a la petición del "buen" ladrón y le promete el paraíso, un lugar en la mesa del Señor en la casa del Señor. El buen ladrón podría haber cantado fácilmente el estribillo del Salmo 122 que todos nos animamos a cantar este domingo: "Vayamos con alegría al encuentro del Señor".

¿Qué audacia nos permite entrar en la casa del Señor, regocijándonos? Esa audacia sólo puede provenir de vivir una vida inspirada en los valores y las agendas de Jesús. Estos son los bloques de construcción del reino de Jesús, con la cruz como su base sólida. La segunda lectura de Colosenses afirma claramente que "por la sangre derramada en la cruz" Jesús reconcilió todas las cosas y trajo la paz a todos en la tierra así como al cielo. La voluntad de dar de sí mismo para los demás sin detenerse a contar el costo es el modelo que Jesús presenta a todos los que desean o eligen seguirlo. Este estilo de vida es el único que puede asegurar la paz y la reconciliación con todos y, al mismo tiempo, hacer que el reino de Dios sea real, presente y disponible para toda la creación.

Al cerrar este año de gracia y anticipar el comienzo de uno nuevo, reflexione sobre cómo ha contribuido a la construcción del reino de Dios. ¿Dónde ha roto los límites y establecido relaciones justas y correctas este año? ¿Cómo ha acogido al extranjero, al desamparado y al rechazado a su mesa este año? ¿Cómo ha manifestado una disposición a sufrir en lugar de comprometer lo que cree que son los valores del reino de Dios?

Al reflexionar sobre el año pasado, piense en cómo seguirá construyendo, profundizando o fortaleciendo el reino de Dios en este año de gracia. "Vayamos con alegría al encuentro del Señor".

Biagio Mazza
Asocio Pastoral

Lecturas



Lecturas del Domingo, 20 de Noviembre

Primera Lectura: 2 Samuel 5:1-3

Salmo: Salmo 122:1-2, 4-5

Segunda Lectura: Colosenses 1:12-20

Evangelio: Lucas 23:35-43

Lecturas del Domingo, 27 de Noviembre

Primera Lectura: Isaías 2:1-5

Salmo: Salmo 121:1-2, 4-5. 6-7, 8-9

Segunda Lectura: Romanos 13:11-14

Evangelio: Mateo 24:37-44

Ministerio Juvenil

Oportunidades para Voluntarios

Uplift Org. Si le gustaría traer comidas a las personas sin hogar en el 4° o 5° Lunes de cada mes, por favor, póngase en contacto con Kirstie Roberts! Este ministerio está abierto a todos los feligreses mayores de 14 años. Los voluntarios deben reportarse a la bodega de Uplift a las 5pm y se terminan a las 9:30pm.

Cocineros de Uplift! Cualquier persona que le gustaría ayudar a preparar una comida para las personas sin hogar está bienvenido a unirse a nuestro equipo en el 4° Lunes de cada mes a las 10am en el gimnasio. Le recomendamos que traiga un cuchillo y pelador de verduras buenos. El próximo día de cocinar es el 28 de noviembre.

Harvesters! Este banco de alimentos local proporciona alimentos a las familias necesitadas de todo el área de KC. Se necesitan voluntarios para ayudar a organizar las donaciones de alimentos y para preparar bolsas de comida para fines de semana para niños en nuestra comunidad. Vamos a llevar un grupo de 5 personas en el tercer Jueves de cada mes. Nuestra próxima fecha es el 15 de diciembre de 6-8 pm. Si desea ser voluntario, llame a o mande un correo electrónico a Kirstie en la Oficina de la Juventud.

Comidas Comunitarias La Iglesia Luterana Lord of Love ofrece una comida gratis a la comunidad cada miércoles a la cual usted está invitado. Cada tercer miércoles del mes voluntarios de Sta. Sabina ayudan a preparar, servir y limpiar en un esfuerzo de trabajar junto con otros cristianos para llevar a cabo la obra de Cristo. Nuestra próxima fecha como voluntarios es el 21 de diciembre. Contacte a Berenice Zayas en la oficina parroquial para más información. 816-979-3150

Noticias de PSR

- La Escuela Parroquial de Religión estará cerrada el fin de semana del 27 de noviembre por las vacaciones de Acción de Gracias.
- El 11 de Diciembre es nuestro Desayuno de Maestros para todos nuestros catequistas y líderes de los jóvenes a las 8:15 am.

¡Jóvenes de la High School! ¡Nuestra reunión del 4 de diciembre es una noche de proyectos de servicio! Por favor traiga artículos para la gente desamparada para que podamos preparar paquetes de cuidado de Navidad. Los artículos incluirían los artículos de tocador del tamaño viajero, calentadores de manos y de pies, los bocados envueltos individualmente (carne de vacuno espasmódica es un favorito), agua embotellada, abrelatas, cerillos, velas, linternas mini y cualquier cosa que usted puede pensar que sería un regalo agradable.

Seguridad Infantil

La Diócesis de Kansas City-St. Joseph esta comprometida a luchar contra el abuso sexual en la Iglesia. Si usted es victima de abuso sexual, o si usted observa o sospecha de abuso sexual, por favor:

- 1) Llame a línea directa de Abuso Infantil en Missouri al 1.800.392.3738 (si la victima tiene menos de 18 años de edad), y
- 2) Póngase en contacto con su departamento de policía local o llame al 911, y
- 3) Después de informarle a las autoridades de la orden civil y de leyes, reporte el abuso sexual del menor o del adulto vulnerable al Defensor del Pueblo Diocesano, Jenifer Valenti, al 816.812.2500 o a su correo electrónico, jennifervalenti@att.net, si el abuso implica a un sacerdote, diacono, empleado o voluntario de la Diócesis de Kansas City-St. Joseph

La Diócesis tiene un sincero compromiso con los recursos del cuidado y la curación para las victimas de abuso sexual y a sus familias. Por favor póngase en contacto con la Defensora de Victimias, Kathleen Chastain al 816.392.0011 o chastain@diocesekcsj.org para mas información.

Todas las personas que son voluntarios con los jóvenes o niños de nuestra parroquia deben atender a un taller llamado Protegiendo a los Niños de Dios, también necesitaran someterse a una verificación de antecedentes y deberán firmar la póliza sobre Éticas e Integridad en el Ministerio (EIM). Más información en <https://kcsj catholic.org/the-office-of-child-and-youth-protection/>

¡Luces Navideñas de Longview! El 7 de diciembre, los jóvenes de junior high irán a ver la hermosa exhibición Navideña en Longview Lake. Este es un evento especial que requiere que cada estudiante traiga una hoja de permiso. Debido al tiempo que tarda en recorrer las luces, nos iremos a las 7 pm y volveremos a las 9 pm.

¡Cena de Acción de Gracias para Uplift! Por favor, revise su correo electrónico para obtener información sobre nuestra cena especial que se preparará para los desamparados de Kansas City. Cada año ofrecemos comidas para 250 almas hambrientas el miércoles antes del Día de Acción de Gracias, el 23 de noviembre. Necesitaremos voluntarios para ayudar a preparar la comida, traer donaciones de comida y dinero, y corazones amables para hornear pasteles y entregarlos en el gimnasio parroquial el día 23. Estaremos cocinando, pelando, triturando, tallando y riendo de las 9am hasta las 4pm. Si está interesado en ayudar de cualquiera manera, por favor comuníquese con Kirstie Roberts al 816-979-3155 o por correo electrónico. ¡Lo poquito que puede hacer hace la diferencia!



Corresponsabilidad/Información

La Promesa del Paraíso

Los ciudadanos estadounidenses escogen y eligen a sus líderes para ocupar los puestos políticos. Es el pueblo quien confiere la autoridad a unos pocos y nadie se mantiene en el poder permanentemente. El reino de Dios es completamente diferente. Cristo es nuestro Rey, pero se hizo humano para que nosotros pudiéramos tener la experiencia del reino de Dios. Jesús tenía el poder de perdonar a los pecadores, sanar a los enfermos y aun resucitar a los muertos, pero sin la parafernalia o símbolos del éxito y del poder. Todos estamos libres de aceptar a Jesucristo o de rechazarlo como hizo Judas. Cuando Jesús estaba en la cruz los espectadores se burlaban de ese "rey" sin poder para "salvarse a sí mismo". Uno de los criminales crucificados con Jesús quería salir pronto de su agonía; el otro reconoció la inocencia de Jesús y también su reino futuro. Como respuesta a la total fe y confianza de este hombre, Jesús le dice: "Yo te aseguro que hoy estarás conmigo en el paraíso" (Lucas 23:43). Ningún soberano de este mundo puede hacer semejante promesa.

Campaña Católica Anual

Gracias a las 62 familias que han contribuido a la Campaña Católica Anual (ACA). Hasta ahora hemos recibido \$10,120.00 en promesas y contribuciones, lo cual representa aproximadamente el 54% de nuestra meta parroquial. Estamos tratando de lograr el 100% de participación; Alrededor del 4% de nuestras familias han hecho una contribución hasta el momento.

Los Sacerdotes de Mañana

Nuestra segunda colecta esta semana del 19-20 de Noviembre será para la Apelación para los Sacerdotes de Mañana para ayudar a nuestra diócesis en la educación de nuestros seminaristas. Damos la bienvenida a P. Curt Vogel ese fin de semana, quien celebrará las Misas del fin de semana. P. Curt nos hablará sobre su experiencia como seminarista y la importancia de esta apelación.

Rifa para los Becados en El Salvador

Por favor, por favor ayuda al P. Jeff a sacar el máximo provecho de su generosa donación de boletos para los Chiefs, mediante la compra de una oportunidad para ganar entradas de un juego. Cada oportunidad cuesta \$20 y los asientos se encuentran en la Sección 101, fila 27, asientos 11 y 12.

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Puede comprar un boleto para el sorteo de uno de los juegos anteriores en cualquier momento. Para comprar un boleto para el sorteo, por favor comuníquese con Kris o el P. Jeff para hacerlos saber para cual juego desea comprar el boleto.

Platicas Pre-Bautismales-10 de Diciembre

Normalmente cada segundo Sábado del mes de las 10 am a 1 pm (Sólo para Niños de 0-6 años) Salón de juntas. Sótano de la Parroquia. Para niños mayores de 7 años requerirán una formación especial. Infórmate.

PRÓXIMOS BAUTISMOS: Llamar a Kris al 816-979-3151 Favor de llenar su aplicación para asistir a las platicas con anterioridad. **No se ofrece cuidado de niños.**

Área de Recuerdo

Gracias a todos los que trajeron fotos para nuestra Área de Recuerdo. Fue una muestra encantadora este año y un gran recordatorio de nuestra conexión con la Comunión de los Santos. Honramos a nuestros seres queridos y los seguimos en oración. A medida que

finaliza el mes de noviembre, se concluirá el Área del Recuerdo. Por favor planee llevar sus fotos a casa el fin de semana del 19 y 20 de noviembre. Gracias.

La Corresponsabilidad Viva Ahora

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~ Lucas 23:38

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