Mass Times

Saturday: 4:00pm in English

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

Confessions: Saturdays 3:00-3:30pm

Visit our website for Holy Day and special Mass times.

The Junior High Youth Group had a fun night of bowling on November 20!

First Sunday of Advent December 1, 2019
Parish Staff/Mass Intentions

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Mass Intentions for the Week

**Intentions for December 2-6, 2019**

- **Mon.**  8am  Communion Service
- **Tues.**  11am  †Bob Sullivan
- **Wed.**  10:30am  †Rose Solo (Beautiful Savior)
- **Thurs.**  8am  †Tony Monteleone
- **Fri.**  8am  †Don Bannerman

- **Saturday, December 7, 2019**
  - 4:00pm  †Terry Henry

- **Sunday, December 8, 2019**
  - 8:00am  †Terri Imming
  - 10:30am  †Terry Henry
  - 10:30am  Intentions of Our Parish Family
  - 12:30pm Spanish  †Leonel Antillon
  - 12:30pm Spanish  †Ricarda Campos

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

- †Victor Torres, son of Juan and Pamela Torres
- †Alejandro Chavez, hijo de Margarito Chavez y Maria Landa
- †Rose Solo, Beautiful Savior
- †Nancy Christian, mother of Laura Pierce
- †Tony Monteleone, brother of Steve Circo

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**Over 55 Christmas Party**

Save the date of Wednesday, December 11 at 11am for our Christmas party! Please bring a $10 gift for the gift exchange. See next week’s bulletin for our menu. Please call the parish office to RSVP.

**Journey to Bethany Diocesan Healing Program**

Our Diocesan Vision, One Family: Restored in Christ – Equipped for Mission, identifies the need for healing and restoration. Bishop Johnston, in collaboration with lay faithful, has established Journey to Bethany, a program designed to address a variety of wounds and broaden awareness of healing resources within our diocese. This program will initially focus on those harmed by clergy sexual abuse. An email survey, titled “Bishop Johnston’s Healing Our Family Survey,” will soon to be sent to randomly selected parishioners throughout the diocese. Your responses will help identify the manner by which we can assist all of those impacted by clergy sexual abuse. Those who do not receive the email survey will have opportunities to attend presentations to hear results and provide additional input. Thank you for your participation, support and prayers!

**Advent Lessons and Carols at the Cathedral**

You are cordially invited to an evening of Scripture, Poetry, Choral music and Advent carols on Tuesday, December 3, 2019.

- **7:00pm**: The Family Tree of Jesus - A talk by Fr. Paul Turner
- **7:30pm**: Lessons and Carols Service by The Cathedral Schola Cantorum and Dr. Mario Pearson, Conductor and Organist. A reception will follow in the Cathedral gift shop.

**Advent Reflection Booklets**

The season of Advent is often difficult to keep as the world around us is already in the midst of celebrating Christmas. The “Little Blue Booklet” is a prayer and reflection resource for the Season of Advent and Christmas. It is a great tool to help us set aside just six minutes each day to deepen our Christmas preparation and celebration. The Blue Booklets are available in the gathering space. Suggested donation is $1 per book.
This Week’s Do You Know Video:

The word "Advent" means the "coming" of someone or something important. As we begin the Advent season we recall the coming of Christ in three different ways. The first coming focuses on Jesus coming as a full human being 2000 years ago, something we recall and celebrate at Christmas. The second coming focuses on Christ returning at the end of time to bring all of creation to fulfillment. The third coming zeroes in on the continual coming of Christ into our daily lives here and now. This third coming of Christ is the one that we focus the least on during the Advent season, yet it is considerably the most important coming of Christ. Make time to view this week’s DYK video and reflect on why this third coming of Christ is the most important one during this Advent Season.

Happy Anniversary

Sherman and Leona Ragsdale 56 Years! 12/7/1963
David and Melody DeRosear 30 Years! 12/2/1989
Clemente Landa and Azucena Abonza 25 Years! 12/3/1994
Jonathan and Kristian Rayos 24 Years! 12/2/1995
Brian and Caroline Niemeyer 21 Years! 12/5/1998
Robert and Samantha Hafkesbring 3 Years! 12/3/2016

Where Are You Walking Now?

How about walking with Jesus, Mary and Joseph?
The parish of Our Lady of Lourdes in Harrisonville has invited us to attend their parish mission presented by Fr. Joel Rogers C.P.M. The mission will be December 8-12 at 7pm.
TV MASS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Sundays on KMCI, channel 38 at 7:00 am. Is someone you love unable to join us at church? For the faithful at home or in healthcare settings, the Heart of the Nation Sunday TV Mass brings spiritual comfort. Please invite anyone you know who cannot get out to church to tune in Catholic Mass on TV or watch online anytime on Sundays at www.HeartoftheNation.org.

Pyx—Sign Out Sheet

We try to keep a pyx available in the sacristy in the event you forget to bring yours and need to take the Blessed Sacrament to the sick or homebound. We have placed a sign out/in sheet on a clipboard in the sacristy. Please help us keep costs down by signing the Pyx “out” when you borrow one and “in” once you have returned it. Thank you for your help!

Hospitalized?

If you are hospitalized and would like us to know, please call or have a family member call Marta in the parish office at 979-3154 or 331-4713. Due to privacy laws hospitals cannot contact us.

Did You Know - Following a healthy diet doesn’t mean you have to stay away from fast food. An occasional stop for fast food can fit into a healthy diet — if you’re careful about what you order. Consider these tips.

1. Keep portion sizes small- If the fast-food restaurant offers several sandwich sizes, pick the smallest. Bypass hamburgers with two or three patties, which can be close to 800 calories. Choose a regular, or children’s-sized hamburger, which has about 250 calories.

2. Choose healthier side dishes- Take advantage of the healthy side dishes offered at many fast-food restaurants. For example, instead of french fries, choose a side salad with low-fat dressing. Other healthy choices include apple or orange slices, corn on the cob, steamed rice, or baked potato chips.

3. Go green- Choose an entree salad with grilled chicken, shrimp or vegetables. Choose a dressing you like, but be cautious with the amount. Use half the package or keep the salad dressing on the side to control the number of calories from added fat and other unwanted ingredients, such as added salt and sugar.

4. Select grilled items- Fried and breaded foods, such as crispy chicken sandwiches and breaded fish fillets, are high in fat and calories. Select grilled or roasted lean meats — such as turkey or chicken breast, lean ham, or lean roast beef.
Consider a Christmas Gift for the Parish
As you're planning your gift list this Christmas, why not consider one that will continue giving forever? Make a planned gift to our parish, either an outright gift now or a gift from your estate in the future. For more information, contact Kris with questions. Or, contact Laura Gray at gray@diocesekcsj.org, 816-714-2363.

Christmas Shopping & AmazonSmile Donations
Did you know that we are eligible to receive donations based on your Amazon purchases? Last quarter, we received donations based off of over $3000 of your purchases! Please remember this while doing your Christmas shopping! To support us in this way, be sure to do your Amazon shopping through smile.amazon.com and select "St. Sabina Catholic Church, Belton" as your charity of choice.

”Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”
Matthew 24: 42-44

In the weeks leading up to Christmas, it seems everywhere we turn we are pushed to do more to create a “perfect” Christmas day. But the Church’s guidance to use these weeks to focus on our spiritual lives can indeed seem like a mountain-climb. The intentional use of the gift of time is what the Christian steward is called to do, and with even greater intensity during Advent. How can we use our time to prepare for Jesus’ birth on Dec. 25 and for His second coming at a date we do not know? We can push back against the world’s pressure to have the “perfect Christmas.” Scale back on materialism so we have more time for spiritual preparations: Confession, weekday Mass, adoration, family prayer time, lighting the Advent wreath, acts of kindness. In the end we will be prepared to celebrate a truly meaningful Christmas, become more like our Savior, and be ready for Him to come again. — See more at www.catholicsteward.com/blog/

Contributions for November 24
Due to early bulletin deadlines, the November 24 contributions will be listed in the December 8 bulletin.

#1 holiday hack:
When you buy your gifts at smile.amazon.com, Amazon donates.

Green Team Tip of the Week
Lost your curbside recycling service? Check out these organizations for drop off recycling
https://bridgingthegap.org/recycle/
https://www.casco-aw.com/recycling in Harrisonville which employs the disabled
https://www.recyclespot.org/pdf/HHW/KCRegionRecyclingCenters-August2019.aspx Find a list of drop off sites
Check to see if your local school district or town offers drop off recycling

The final numbers are in from the Annual Paul Vargo Golf Tournament held in September. Many thanks to all who played, who sponsored and who volunteered. Without your support we would not have been able to help these deserving organizations:
The Knights presented a check for $850 to Fr. Jeff for the El Salvador Scholarship Fund.
They presented another for $850 to Merle Teigen of Lord of Love Lutheran Church for their Community Meals.
They also presented an $850 check to Kirstie Roberts for our parish youth ministry.
Finally, at a later date, the Knights will present a check in the amount of $2550 to the Missouri Special Olympics!
Delegation to El Salvador - February 10-17

Due to responses from parishioners interested in working to build homes in Paso Puente, we have changed the itinerary and the dates of our delegation to El Salvador. Our new dates of the delegation will be February 10-17. While in El Salvador, we will spend the majority of our time in Paso Puente, as well as visit with some of our scholarship students. This will be an incredible experience, joining our brothers and sisters in solidarity to build dignified homes for families. The children living in Paso Puente have never lived in a dignified home, instead they’ve only lived in shacks assembled from scrap materials. Our delegation will also have the opportunity to visit Romero Community, which is a neighborhood across the street from Paso Puente. Just four years ago, Romero Community was living in squalor, like Paso Puente is now. They received title to their land and, through many generous donations, 65 dignified homes have been built in Romero Community. For more information, please contact Kris Larkey in the parish office at 816-979-3151 or kris@stsabinaparish.org.

Online Giving

St. Sabina offers an online giving option for parishioners and visitors. This is an easy, safe and secure way to make contributions online. To set up a one-time or recurring contribution: go to our parish website at www.stsabinaparish.org, click the “Online Giving” button in the top right section and fill out the online contribution form.

Community Garden Campaign

Our community garden is participating in the #SeedMoneyChallenge, a 30-day fundraising challenge and we could really use your support TODAY! In addition to keeping the funds we raise from individuals like you, we have a chance to win a challenge grant of up to $600 from SeedMoney based on how much we raise over the course of the 30-day period running from Nov 15 to Dec 15. As an extra incentive, SeedMoney is offering 35 $100 bonus grants to the 35 garden projects that have raised the most after the first week. Your support TODAY can put us into the running for one of those bonus grants. You can find our donation page here:


Thanks very much for helping our campaign to get off to a running start!

Jesse Tree Collections
Colectas del Árbol de Jesé

Nov 30/Dec 1: Toys
Juguetes

Dec 7/8: Gloves, hats, socks, etc.
Guantes, gorros, calcetines, etc.

Dec 14/15: Canned Food/Hygiene Items
Alimentos Enlatados/Artículos de Higiene

Dec 21/22: Religious Retirement Appeal
Apelación para los Religiosos Jubilados
PSR News
We will not have classes on Sunday, December 1. Happy Thanksgiving!

Breakfast with Santa! The second grade PSR class will be hosting Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, December 8, 8:30am-noon. Come enjoy a breakfast of biscuits and gravy, eggs, bacon, sausage and pancakes, and get your wish list in to Santa! Adults are $10 each. Families are $20 each. Kids 3-12, $5. Age 2 and under are free. Funds will help the second grade class purchase Christmas gifts for a family in need.

Save the Date! We will have a family Christmas party for all PSR and Junior High families on Wednesday, December 18 at 7pm. The fun will include sing-a-long Christmas music and a cookie exchange!

Youth News
Junior High Youth! Our next meeting is Wednesday, December 4 at 7pm.

Confirmation Candidates! Our next Sponsor Night will be December 11 from 7-8:30pm in the Parish Hall.

High School Service Project Night! Our December 15 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.

Child Safety
The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combating 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, 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 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.org/the-office-of-child-and-youth-protection/

Now Available—Missals for Children:
We now have Missals for grade school aged children to use during Mass. My First Mass Book is an illustrated booklet containing all the prayers and responses we say during Mass. It is a great tool to help children learn the prayers and the order of the liturgy. The books are in a basket near the St. Sabina statue at the entrance to church. Please return the books to the same basket after Mass so they will continue to be available for all children to use. Thank you to a generous parishioner for the donation of the books.

The Little Ones
Jim Burrows

I forgive you, for you know not what you are doing.

Bl. Marie Clémentine Nengapeta
Holy Family Sister who was martyred in the Congo in 1964 for refusing to violate her vow of chastity.

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Jesus said to his disciples, “Therefore be on the alert, for you do not know which day your Lord is coming.” Mt 24:42
Happy New Year of Grace. Today begins a new liturgical year. With the new liturgical year, our lectionary shifts from Year C to Year A, focusing on the gospel according to Matthew. The liturgical color for the season has traditionally been violet, because the season was understood to be modeled on the Lenten penance season. **However, Advent is not primarily a season of penance, but rather of joyful expectation and anticipation of the Lord’s presence in our midst as a full human being.** To emphasize this difference in tone between Advent and Lent, the Advent color manifests a more bluish tone, either bright blue or royal blue.

Advent comes from the Latin word, *adventus*, meaning “coming.” The Advent season celebrates various “comings” of the Lord. Three comings of the Lord are usually specified: the Lord’s coming at the end times; the Lord’s coming as one of us at the Incarnation; and the continual coming of the Lord in our daily lives. **Advent challenges us to prepare for the Lord’s multiple comings into our lives.** The readings offer us various suggestions for such preparations.

Psalm 122 invites all to “go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.” **House is not so much a building as it is an attitude of receptivity to wherever and however the Lord becomes present.** Such receptivity allows us to enter into deeper relationship with God by enabling us to attune ourselves to what the Lord expects of us. **Receptivity to the Lord engenders a deeper awareness of the Lord’s presence that is to be cultivated and nourished.** In so doing, we prepare ourselves to experience the Lord’s presence and to rejoice in that presence no matter when the Lord comes.

Isaiah provides a vision of what the Lord’s house will be like in the messianic times. Symbolized by Jerusalem’s temple mount, all will stream to the Lord’s house to learn how to be people of peace and justice. “They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks.” To do this, all need to walk in the light of the Lord. **When the Lord comes, will peace and justice be evident among us?**

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**This Advent, how will you prepare for the Lord’s coming?** We know that the Lord has already come and is with us now. We celebrate this at Christmas and at every Eucharist. But how alert are we to that presence? **What difference does that presence make in our lives?** **How are we putting on Christ in our waking hours?** **Will others be able to tell that we are people committed to peace and justice?**

**This Advent, prepare yourself for the Lord’s coming by committing yourself to one concrete act of justice.** Let that be your Christmas gift to the Lord.

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### Readings

**Sunday, December 1**
- **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

**Sunday, December 8**
- **1st Reading:** Isaiah 11:1-10
- **Psalm:** Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 (7)
- **2nd Reading:** Romans 15:4-9
- **Gospel:** Matthew 3:1-12

### 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 offer study sessions that provide an opportunity to read, to study background to the readings, and to reflect on how to apply the readings to our lives. Our next Bible Study dates are Sundays, December 8 and 22 at 10:30am in the conference room. All are welcome; bring a Bible. To register, call Biagio at 816-979-3153.
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Feliz año de gracia. Hoy comienza un nuevo año litúrgico. Con el nuevo año litúrgico, nuestro leccionario cambia del año C al año A, enfocándose en el evangelio según San Mateo. El color litúrgico para la temporada tradicionalmente ha sido violeta, porque se entendió que la temporada fue modelada en la temporada de penitencia cuaresmal. Sin embargo, el Adviento no es principalmente una temporada de penitencia, sino más bien de expectativa alegre y anticipación de la presencia del Señor entre nosotros como un ser humano completo. Para enfatizar esta diferencia de tono entre Adviento y Cuaresma, el color de Adviento manifiesta un tono más azulado, ya sea azul brillante o azul real.

Adviento viene de la palabra latina adventus que significa "venir". La temporada de Adviento celebra varias llegadas del Señor. Generalmente se especifican tres llegadas del Señor: la llegada del Señor al final de los tiempos; la llegada del Señor como uno de nosotros en la Encarnación; y la continua llegada del Señor en nuestra vida cotidiana. Adviento nos reta a prepararnos para las varias llegadas del Señor en nuestras vidas. Las lecturas nos ofrecen varias sugerencias para tales preparaciones.

El Salmo 122 invita a todos a "Vamos a la casa del Señor". Casa no es tanto un edificio como una actitud de receptividad a donde sea y como sea que el Señor esté presente. Tal receptividad nos permite entrar en una relación más profunda con Dios al permitirnos sintonizarnos con lo que el Señor espera de nosotros. La receptividad al Señor engendra una consciencia más profunda de la presencia del Señor que debe ser cultivada y alimentada. Al hacerlo, nos preparamos para experimentar la presencia del Señor y regocijarnos en esa presencia sin importar cuándo venga el Señor.

Isaías proporciona una visión de cómo será la casa del Señor en los tiempos mesiánicos. Simbolizado por el monte del templo de Jerusalén, todos irán a la casa del Señor para aprender a ser personas de paz y justicia. “De las espadas forjarán arados y de las lanzas, podaderas”. Para hacer esto, todos deben caminar a la luz del Señor. Cuando venga el Señor, ¿serán evidentes la paz y la justicia entre nosotros?

Pablo en Romanos nos aconseja "despierten del sueño... y revístanse con las armas de la luz... Revistanse de nuestro Señor, Jesucristo". Cada temporada de Adviento brinda otra oportunidad "de deshacer las obras de las tinieblas... y comportarse honestamente, como se hace en pleno día..." Durante el Adviento, estamos desafiados continuamente a sintonizarnos con la presencia del Señor, con la esperanza de llevarnos a revestirnos de Cristo como la prenda brillante en nuestras vidas.

El evangelio de Mateo nos advierte que estemos preparados y listos para la llegada del Señor al final de los tiempos al permanecer despiertos, porque no sabemos el día ni la hora. Debemos ser como Noé que, al estar atento al Señor y a los signos de los tiempos, no se sorprendió, sino que se encontró listo para lo que iba a suceder. Los demás fueron tomados por sorpresa y, por lo tanto, no pudieron prepararse para lo que les sucedió. La temporada de Adviento nos prepara litúrgicamente para sintonizarnos con la llegada del Señor con experiencias de esperanza y anticipación gozosa.

Este Adviento, ¿cómo se preparará para la llegada del Señor? Sabemos que el Señor ya vino y está con nosotros ahora. Celebramos esto en Navidad y en cada Eucaristía. Pero, ¿qué tan alertas estamos ante esa presencia? ¿Qué diferencia hace esa presencia en nuestras vidas? ¿Cómo nos vestimos de Cristo en nuestras horas de vigilia? ¿Podrán otros decir que somos personas comprometidas con la paz y la justicia?

En este Adviento, prepárese para la llegada del Señor al comprometerse con un acto concreto de justicia. Deje que sea su regalo de Navidad para el Señor.

Biagio Mazza
Asociado Pastoral

Lecturas

Lecturas del Domingo, 1 de Diciembre
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

Lecturas del Domingo, 8 de Diciembre
Primera Lectura: Isaías 11:1-10
Salmo: Salmo 71:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
Segunda Lectura: Romanos 15:4-9
Evangelio: Mateo 3:1-12
Noticias de la Escuela de Religión

No tendremos clases el domingo 1 de diciembre. ¡Feliz Día de Acción de Gracias!

¡Desayuno con Santa Claus! La clase del segundo grado de la Escuela de Religión será la anfitriona de un Desayuno con Santa Claus el domingo, 8 de diciembre de las 8:30am-12:00pm. ¡Vengan a disfrutar de un desayuno de hot cakes y entreguen sus listas de deseos a Santa! Los adultos pagan $10 cada uno, las familias pagan $20 cada una. Niños 3-12 años, $5. Niños de dos años o menos son gratis. Los fondos recaudados ayudarán a los niños a comprar regalos de Navidad para una familia necesitada.

Noticias de los Jóvenes

¡Jóvenes de la Middle School! Nuestra próxima reunión será el 4 de diciembre a las 7pm.

¡Candidatos de la Confirmación! Nuestra próxima Noche de Padrinos será el 11 de diciembre de 7 a 8:30 pm en el Salón Parroquial.

¡Noche de Servicio de Jóvenes de la High School! Nuestra reunión del 15 de diciembre es una noche de servicio! Por favor traiga artículos para las personas sin hogar para que podamos preparar paquetes de cuidado de Navidad. Los artículos incluirían productos de higiene de tamaño de viaje, calentadores de manos y pies, refrigerios envueltos individualmente (la carne seca empaquetada es la favorita), agua embotellada, abrelatas, fósforos, velas, mini linternas y cualquier otra cosa que pueda pensar que sería un regalo apreciado.

Seguridad Infantil

La Diócesis de Kansas City-St. Joseph está comprometida a luchar contra el abuso sexual en la Iglesia. Si usted es víctima 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 víctima 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 a Joe Crayon, Defensor del Pueblo Diocesano al 816.812.2500 o crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org si el abuso implica a un sacerdote, diácono, 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 víctimas de abuso sexual y a sus familias. Por favor póngase en contacto con la Defensora de Victimas, Kathleen Chastain al 816.392.0011 o chastain@diocesekcsj.org para mas información.

Todas las personas que son voluntarios con los jóvenes ó 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://kcsjchatholic.org/the-office-of-child-and-youth-protection/

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Nov 30/Dec 1: Toys
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Dec 21/22: Religious Retirement Appeal
Apelación para los Religiosos Jubilados
Compras Navideñas y Donaciones de AmazonSmile

¿Sabía que somos elegibles para recibir donaciones basadas en sus compras en Amazon? ¡El último trimestre, recibimos donaciones basadas en más de $3000 de sus compras! ¡Recuerde esto mientras hace sus compras navideñas! Para apoyarnos de esta manera, asegúrese de hacer sus compras en Amazon a través de smile.amazon.com y seleccione "St. Sabina Catholic Church, Belton" como su organización benéfica preferida.

En Nuestro Video ¿Sabes...? de Esta Semana:
La palabra “Adviento” significa la “venir” o la llegada de alguien o algo importante. Al comenzar la temporada de Adviento, recordamos la venida de Cristo de tres maneras diferentes. La primera llegada se enfoca en que Jesús vino como un ser humano completo hace 2000 años, algo que recordamos y celebramos en Navidad. La segunda llegada se enfoca en que Cristo regrese al final de los tiempos para llevar a cabo toda la creación. La tercera llegada se centra en la continua llegada de Cristo a nuestra vida diaria aquí y ahora. Esta tercera llegada de Cristo es la que menos nos enfocamos durante la temporada de Adviento, pero es considerablemente la llegada más importante de Cristo. Tómese un momento para ver el video ¿Sabes? de esta semana y reflexione sobre por qué esta tercera llegada de Cristo es la más importante durante esta temporada de Adviento.

La Iglesia Santa Sabina
Le Invita a usted y su familia a nuestra celebración parroquial en honor a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe
Jueves, 12 de Diciembre del 2019
6:00p.m. Obra de teatro de las Apariciones Guadalupanas
6:45p.m. Danza de los Matachines
7:00p.m. Misa en su honor
8:00p.m. Fiesta

En Nuestro Video ¿Sabes...? de Esta Semana:
¿Sabes que el 12 de diciembre es el día en que se celebra a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe? Esta vid

Programa Diocesano de Sanación Journey to Bethany
Nuestra visión diocesana, Una Familia: Renovada en Cristo – Equipada Para la Misión, identifica la necesidad de sanación y renovación. El obispo Johnston, en colaboración con los fieles laicos, ha establecido el Journey to Bethany, un programa diseñado para tomar cuidado de una variedad de heridas y extender la concientización en los recursos de sanación dentro de nuestra diócesis. Este programa se enfocará inicialmente en aquellos perjudicados por el abuso sexual del clero. En breve, se enviará una encuesta por correo electrónico titulada “Sanando Nuestra Familia – Encuesta del Obispo Johnston” a feligreses seleccionados al azar en toda la diócesis. Sus respuestas nos ayudarán a identificar la manera en que podemos ayudar a todos los afectados por el abuso sexual del clero. Aquellos que no reciban la encuesta por correo electrónico van a tener la oportunidad de asistir a presentaciones para escuchar los resultados y proporcionar información adicional. ¡Gracias por su participación, apoyo y oraciones!
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El Nacimiento de Nuestro Niño Jesús

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Primer Domingo de Adviento 1 de Diciembre, 2019