

Saint Sabina Catholic Church

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Office Hours: 9:00am-5:00pm, Monday - Thursday and 9:00am-1:00pm, Friday



Congratulations to Glory Momodu who received his First Communion on December 6th.

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



Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2016

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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Intentions for December 19-23, 2016

Mon.	8am	Communion Service
Tues.	6pm	†Mabel Hopkins
Wed.	10am	†Sergio Lopez (Foxwood Springs)
Thurs.	8am	†Elmer Price
Fri.	8am	†Hilda Burchett

Saturday, December 24, 2016

4:00pm	†Charles Bybee
	†Charles Bybee Jr
10:00pm	†Leonard & Patsy Katzer

Sunday, December 25, 2016

10:00am	†Carrie Carrollo
	Intentions of the Parish Family
12:30pm Spanish	†Pablo Benavides

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

- † **Hilda Burchett**, sister of Quin Henry
- † **Sergio Lopez**, uncle of Hilda Alvarado
- † **John Vigil**, brother of Arlene Lally
- † **Jack Nevins**, brother-in-law of Jan and Jerry Stella
- † **Geraldine Adams**, Beautiful Savior
- † **Lili Diederick**, Beautiful Savior
- † **Bob Westfall**, husband of Mary Westfall
- † **Bob McDonald**, husband of Judy McDonald
- † **Ricardo Lopez**, nephew of Gil Hernandez



Calendar/Faith Formation

Sunday, December 18 - Domingo, 18 de Diciembre

1:30pm Las Posadas

Monday, December 19 - Lunes, 19 de Diciembre

5:30pm Marian Prayer Group

7:00pm Cub Scouts/Boy Scouts

Tuesday, December 20 - Martes, 20 de Diciembre

7:00am Youth Prayer Group

12:00pm Wedding—Clarke/Perez

7:00pm Boy Scout Committee Meeting

7:00pm ESL/Ingles Como Segunda Lengua

Wednesday, December 21 - Miércoles, 21 de Diciembre

9:00am Legion of Mary

9:00am Art & Environment Church Decorating

10:00am Mass at Foxwood Springs

7:00pm Choir practice (4:00 & 10:30 groups)

7:00pm K of C Christmas Party

Thursday, December 22 - Jueves, 22 de Diciembre

9:30am Quilters

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

Friday, December 23 - Viernes, 23 de Diciembre

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, December 24 - Sábado, 24 de Diciembre

Christmas Eve

4:00pm Mass in English

10:00pm Mass in English

Sunday, December 25 - Domingo, 25 de Diciembre

Christmas

10:00am Mass in English

12:30pm Misa en Español

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. We will not meet in December and our January session will be on the fourth Monday. The next sessions will be:

Jan 23, 2017— Dialing Down the Heat (on Climate Change), co-sponsored by the St. Sabina Green Team
Jan 24, 2017, 10-11:30am—Dialing Down the Heat (repeated)

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.

Thank You from the Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus and Ladies Auxiliary want to thank all who sponsored or played golf in the 15th Annual Paul Vargo Golf Tournament in September. We were able to raise \$5,000.00. We gave Missouri Special Olympics \$2,500.00, St. Sabina Youth Ministries \$1,250.00, and St. Michael's Veterans Center \$1,250.00. Thank you again.

Blood Drive—January 8th

Community Blood Center is the primary supplier of blood for local hospitals and has been serving Missouri and Kansas hospitals for more than 50 years. Community Blood Center needs to collect 580 pints of blood every day and over 140,000 pints annually to meet the needs of our local hospitals. An individual within the area that Community Blood Center serves needs a blood transfusion every 4 minutes.

Please share your gift of life with local hospital patients who need it by donating at the next Community Blood Center blood drive. The blood drive will be held in the St. Sabina Gym on Sunday, January 8, 8am-1pm. To make an appointment online, visit esavealifenow.org and use **Sponsor Code: saintsabina**. For additional details contact Michael Dailey at 816-853-8386.



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Parish Happenings and Information

Parish Office Closed

Our parish office will be closing at 1:00pm on December 22nd in observance of the Christmas holiday. We will reopen on Tuesday, December 27th. Fr. Jeff and the parish staff wish you and your families a blessed Christmas!

Thank You from the Community Garden Committee

The Community Garden would like to thank these local businesses for their support during our start up season: Creekside Market, Home Depot, Johnson Farms, Kansas City Tree Service, Lowe's Home Improvement and St. Mary Magdalene Community Garden. We are grateful to the following parishioners for their help and donations: Emma Beaver, Sarah Diamond and the Homeschool group, Bridget Hernandez, Bob Hoyer, Lisa Janner, Sandy Katzer, Kris Larkey, Mary Mattingly, Jeannine Midgett, Gary Palmer, Helen Panebianco, the Pierce Family, Tracy Wheeler, Michelle Rose and Steve Wasleski. To join this ministry contact David Pierce 816-392-1110 or Michelle Rose 919-624-4407

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve Mass

Saturday, December 24th—4:00pm and 10:00pm in English

Christmas Day Mass

Sunday, December 25th—10:00am in English and 12:30pm in Spanish

Guadalupe Celebration



Pastoral Care

Nursing Home Mass Schedule

Dec 21	10:00am	Foxwood Springs
Dec 28	11:00am	Carnegie Village
Jan 4	10:30am	Beautiful Savoir

Mental Health Resource Numbers

NAMI - National Alliance on Mental Illness

816-931-0030 - Support, Education, Advocacy

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

1-800-273-TALK (8255) Available 24/7

ACI Mental Health Crisis Hotline

1-888-279-8188 Available 24/7, Multilingual

Grieving a Loss Through the Holidays

- Allow yourself to feel your emotions on that special day, don't feel that you need to just "get over it." You may want to write your feelings down in a journal.
- Take time with family and friends and share memories of your loved one that died.
- Light a candle in honor of your deceased loved one. Set a picture out and tell stories of his or her life.
- Don't avoid long-standing traditions. Children often find comfort in them. On the other hand, new traditions say you are still a family.
- Be open to good experiences that the holidays may bring.

Prayer Requests/Peticiones de Oración

Felipe Abarca	Cristian Garcia	Vicki Owen
Belen Antillon	Nicholas	Leon Palomares
Marilyn Avalos	Geridano	Gary Palmer
Suzie Ashbaugh	Wendy Gomez	Thelma Palmer
Polleth Bautista	Lucy Harlan	Connie Read
Yesika Benavides	Devin Thomas Harley	Patricia Rellihan
John Bidondo	Laverne Harlow	Dawn Schaff
Allie Biondo	Connie Harper	Noah Stanley
David Bland	Jason Hart	Leo Storm
Yolanda Blanks	Jeanette Hart	Jim Storm
Christine Carr	Cherie Hatfield	Jean Tate
Rick Castenada	Bob Heffernan	Ruth Tayler
Shirley Castor	Darlene Henderson	Angel Thomas
Barbara Clark	Essie Humbird	Nancy Torres
Virginia Coday	Kelly Jordon	Senny Vigil
Steve Collier	Bertha Kramer	Mary Westfall
Joseph Coots	Kelsey Krum	Marie Wilburn
Donna Dailey	Debbie Locke	Ben Winter
Paul DeMar	Jo Locke	Brenda Winter
Doris Deschenes	Joe Malena	Merle Woolworth
Richard Deschenes	Dick Martin	Truly Wright
Nolan Dickerson	Dodie Maurer	Emy Yeater
Frances DiGeorge	Denise Mehlo	Carmitia Yust
Patrick Dull	Alice Miller	Pablo Zayas
Terry Eppert	Elvia Mora	
Butch Ford	Mona Neighbors	
Fr. Paul Frank	Sherril Nevins	
Emily Frezza	Johnnie Nicholes	
Dick Garnier	Jane Nouryeh	



Wellness Center

What's One of the Best Things You Can Do for Your Body? Meditate.



Sanjay Gupta, MD, neurosurgeon and CNN chief medical correspondent, "I used to have a difficult time meditating. No matter how hard I tried, I couldn't clear my head, then I met Dr. Herbert Benson, who founded the Benson-Henry Institute for Mind Body Medicine at the Massachusetts General Hospital. He gave me a valuable piece of advice: Initially, the key isn't to make your mind go blank, but to focus on a single thing that you personally find calming. For Dr. Gupta it was the word gentle, because it evokes all sorts of calming images, like running water and beach scenes. "Once I started focusing on that word, my mind begins to clear. I can now meditate for up to 15 minutes." So you can focus on a word or just follow your breath. Set a timer so you don't have to worry about watching a clock and start with 5 minutes. You'll

be surprised how much this little exercise will help calm your mind and body and help you get in touch with your spirit!

HEALTHY HOLIDAYS!

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:	Intermediate Yoga 1-2pm Gentle Yoga 2-3pm Strength & Restore 6-7pm
Thursday:	Stretch & Strength 1-2pm Gentle Stretch & Strength 2-3pm Circuit Training 6-7pm
Friday:	CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS



Area Information

Beginning Experience

We have a wonderful opportunity, to offer special support to our Spanish/English bilingual community as part of our regularly scheduled (English) Beginning Experience Program. Bilingual participants on the Beginning Experience Weekend must be able to understand spoken English so that Team presentations and instructions are fully understood. Questions, writing, and small group sharing will be in Spanish.

We can support up to 5 bilingual participants in the Spanish small group sharing. However, more bilingual folks can certainly attend the Weekend, they will be placed in English speaking small group sessions.

For more information visit: www.BeginningExperienceKC.com
email: register.bekc@gmail.com
or contact Kim: [816-739-4733](tel:816-739-4733)

Contemporary Spirituality Speaker Series

Doubts and Hard Questions Pave the Road to Faith Bill Tammeus

Saturday, January 14, 2017 – Second Presbyterian Church in KC, 9:00 am. – 11:00 am

Bill Tammeus, an elder at Second Presbyterian Church, is past president of the National Society of Newspaper Columnists. A former columnist of the *Kansas City Star*, he contributed to its editorial page and weekly faith section. He writes a daily “Faith Matters” blog for the *Star*, and columns for *The Presbyterian Outlook*, *The National Catholic Reporter*, and *Flatland*, KCPT-TV’s digital magazine. Bill has received numerous columnist and writer awards. Among the several books he authored or co-authored are: *A Gift of Meaning* (2001); *They Were Just People: Stories of Rescue in Poland During the Holocaust* (2009); *Jesus, Pope Francis and a Protestant Walk into a Bar* (2015); and *Value of Doubt: Why Unanswered Questions, Not Unquestioned Answers Build Faith* (2016).

happy birthday

Azucena Abonza	Steven Hammack	Kaleb Perkins
Pedro Bautista	Robert Helzer	Belinda Peters
Emma Beaver	Adan Hernandez	Gricelda Ramirez
Blake Biondo	Mannie Herrera	Edil Ramos
Brantley Bossler	Claudia Hinojos	Jo Rangel
Dani Castillo	Neida Hinojos	Barb Rewald
Danny Chevalier	Cassandra Hoffman	Benito Rodriguez
Elizabeth Chevalier	Virgil Kempf	David Rogers
Shirley Chevalier	Jesus Landa	Chris Romero
Aaron Coronado	Kersten Laughlin	Victoria Sanchez
Maria Cortes	Michael Logan	Jesus Santillanes
Cassandra Daldrup	Bridget Lowther	George Scott
Jesus De los Santos	Lency Marin	Shelby Shattford
Salvador Duarte Perez	Litzy Martinez	Maria Solares
Mark Emry	Rachel Martinez	Laura Solomon
James Evans	Alexander Mata Santillanes	Mollie Stoltz
Jose Flores	Raymond Miederhoff	Mark Storm
Javier Franco	Alfonso Monroy	Fernando Suarez
Robert Garcia	Tom Moran	Francisco Torres
Johnny Gastello	Teresa Mulich	Cooper Tracy
Kelsie Giacone	Jasmine Munoz	Margaret Vargo
Jesus Gonzalez	Marcos Navarrete	Victor Vieyra
Justin Guerra	Mark Nichols	Maribel Villa
Alexa Gutierrez	Araceli Noriega	Matthew Walt
Blake Hamilton	Edgar Nunez	Judith Wantz
Dewayne Hammack	Gisela Perez	Javier Zavala



Baptism Congratulations

Congratulations to Addison Mckenzie Carrell, daughter of John and Emily Carrell, who will be baptized on December 18th!

Wedding Congratulations

Congratulations to Romeo Clarke and Doraida Perez-Aguirre who will be married on December 20th!



Happy Anniversary

Terry and Mary Eppert	48 Years!	12-21-1968
Ted and Anna Ewbank	30 Years!	12-19-1986
Edward and Gwen McGuire	27 Years!	12-22-1989
Alfredo and Elvia Torres	26 Years!	12-23-1990
Angel and Arleen Martinez	24 Years!	12-19-1992
Julio and Alberta Jaimes	22 Years!	12-19-1994
Luis Hinojos and Maria Varela	20 Years!	12-21-1996
Jason and Stephanie Jones	20 Years!	12-21-1996
Jose Castillo and Reyna Razo	17 Years!	12-23-1999
John and Janet Dailey	16 Years!	12-21-2000
Alberto and Maria Mancha	15 Years!	12-23-2001
Jorge and Maria Damian	14 Years!	12-21-2002
Richard and Janet Kimble	13 Years!	12-23-2003

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 December 26th.



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 January 19th, 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.

PSR News

There will be no PSR classes on December 18th or 25th, or January 1st. Classes will resume on January 8th. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

First Reconciliation Service

Our First Reconciliation Service will be January 24th at 7pm in the church. Please make every effort to attend this special service for the children of our sacramental preparation classes. When you arrive at the church, please check in with your student's teacher before entering the sanctuary.

Search Team Meetings

All Peer Ministers serving on the Search retreat team are required to attend the following meetings from 2-5pm in the Parish Hall. We will meet on January 15th, 22nd and 29th and February 4th.

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/>

Junior High Youth!

Your next meetings will be January 4th and 18th at 7pm.

Junior High Sports Lock In!

On January 14th our 7th and 8th graders are invited to attend an overnight lock in at Legacy Park in Lee's Summit. We will leave St. Sabina parish at 8pm on the 14th and return at 6am on the 15th. Youth are welcome to bring a friend and everyone must have a permission slip which are available on the parish website and will be handed out at the next youth meeting. The cost for this trip is \$25 per youth.



Stewardship

"Through him we have received the grace of apostleship, to bring about the obedience of faith, for the sake of his name, among all the Gentiles, among whom are you also, who are called to belong to Jesus Christ; to all the beloved of God in Rome, called to be holy. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."

Romans 1: 5-7

In his letter to the Romans, the Second Reading, St. Paul uses the phrase "the Spirit of holiness." Paul, and in a more important way Christ Himself, calls us to holiness. Holiness is more than what we do; it has everything to do with what we are. It has to do with our very identity. Holiness is characterized by our relationship with the Lord. We are waiting for Christ, but the reality is that Christ is waiting for us. God loves us; knowing and responding to that love is holiness. St. Teresa of Calcutta may have said it best when she stated, "It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you. Yes, it is Christmas every time you smile at someone and offer them your hand." Doing that is being holy, too; that, too, is stewardship.— See more at www.catholicsteward.com/blog/

December 11th Contributions

Envelopes/Sobres:	\$10,615.79
Plate/Canasta:	\$ 704.97
Maintenance-Upkeep:	\$ 542.00
Immaculate Conception:	\$ 1,076.50

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 final game:

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.

Jesse Tree

Below are the remaining Jesse Tree collections that we will take up this Advent:

❄ Dec 17th and 18th

Second collection for Religious Retirement

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

Catholic Key Offering - January 1

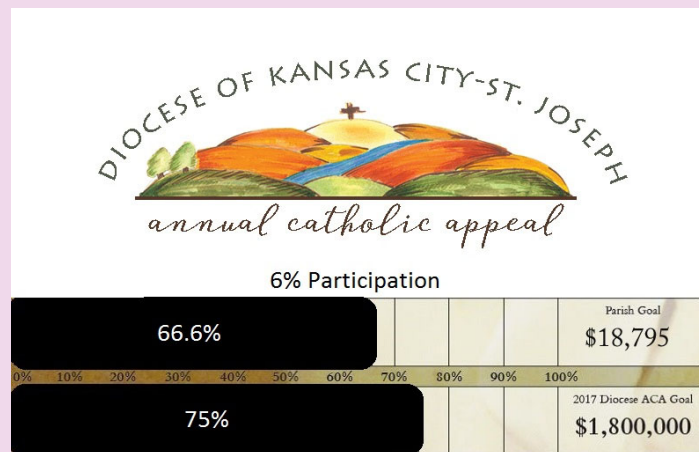
If you would like to receive a copy of the diocesan newspaper, (or renew your subscription) you may use your envelope in your packet to give an offering of \$25. The diocese requires that 35% of our parish families receive the Catholic Key. We currently have 1,475 families registered in the parish. This means that 516 families must receive a subscription each year, coming to a total subscription cost of \$12,900. If we don't have 516 families subscribe, the parish has to pick up the balance of the subscription costs for the year. Please assist the parish with this expense and subscribe to the Catholic Key. You can write your check out to St. Sabina and use the envelope in your December packet of envelopes. If you didn't received an envelope, please place your check for \$25 in an envelope marked, "Catholic Key." We are grateful to all families that pay for their subscription.

Wigs Needed

One of our parishioners will be collecting new or used wigs to give to those undergoing cancer treatments. If you have a wig that you would like to donate, please drop it off at the parish office.

Help needed for Christmas Preparations:

Join us to help decorate the church for Christmas on **Wednesday, December 21 at 9:00 AM**. This is when we place the nativity set, Christmas banners, and other decorations. Many hands make the job go quickly! Please sign up on the sheet in the gathering space.



Green Team Tip of the Week

Use your purchasing power to support Certified B Corps. These are businesses that are improving their communities and the world. www.bcorporation.net/



Reflection on the Readings



We have arrived at the fourth Sunday of Advent. All four candles on our Advent wreath are lit. The fullness of Advent light is now complete. We wait to celebrate the presence of the Lord in our midst. We can finally proclaim with Responsorial Psalm 24, "Let the Lord enter. He is the king of glory." Psalm 24 affirms that our God is the

creator of all things, the one who continually brings order and life out of chaos and death. Indeed, God is the king of glory. It is this God that we invite into our lives and world.

How have you prepared a place for the Lord to enter during this Advent season? Throughout these four weeks of Advent, we have been encouraged to make room for God in our lives. The Advent Sunday readings have given various directives that would allow us to make real the presence of the Lord, by encouraging us to act in the manner that the Lord modeled for us. How have you brought order and life out of the chaos and darkness of your life, your family, your community, your world?

Most of the directives from the Advent Sunday readings have led us to this Sunday and the upcoming celebration of Christmas. In today's readings, the coming of Jesus is heralded by two names: the name "Jesus", and the name "Emmanuel". Both Isaiah and Matthew play on the name Emmanuel, meaning "God with us."

Isaiah, while admonishing and counseling king Ahaz to trust in the Lord, speaks of a sign from God about a virgin or young woman who is soon to have a son who will be named Emmanuel. While Isaiah is speaking about events that are to take place in his own lifetime, Christians have applied this passage to the coming of Jesus. In today's gospel reading, Matthew understands this passage from Isaiah to be fulfilled in the annunciation and birth of Jesus to Mary.

Matthew is unique in having the annunciation of Jesus' birth occur to Joseph and not

Mary. The angel tells Joseph that he is to name his son Jesus, meaning "God saves." Both the Emmanuel title and the name Jesus tell us who Jesus is and what is required of his disciples if they are to make God's presence a living reality. Jesus, "God saves" and Emmanuel, "God with us" highlight both Jesus' mission and ours.

Christians should always be aware that our God is a God who has a universal will and desire to save all people. The documents of the Second Vatican Council clearly and strongly affirm this fact. God became human in the person of Jesus to show us the path to salvation by modeling what being human is about. Being human involves care and concern for all without distinctions or boundaries. Jesus' coming elevates humanity, and all of creation, to a dignity and worth beyond measure. As Jesus followers, we are to care for each human person, and for all creation, the way we would care for Christ.

God, in the person of Jesus, is also our Emmanuel. Jesus came to be with us and has promised to be with us till the end of time. Each time we choose to act like him, we make him present once more, in our lives and in the lives of all we touch. Often, the only way others will know of Christ's faithful presence among us is in the way we show love for one another. If we act with love and justice, we can be certain that we have made Jesus, our Emmanuel, present once more in the ordinary and everyday events of life.

As we close the season of Advent and enter the Christmas season, how will you make Christ present as you invite the Lord to enter fully into your life and the life of the world?

Biagio Mazza,
Pastoral Associate

Readings



Sunday, December 18

1st Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14

Psalm: Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (7c, 10b)

2nd Reading: Romans 1:1-7

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

Sunday, December 25

1st Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10

Psalm: Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (3c)

2nd Reading: Hebrews 1:1-6

Gospel: John 1:1-18

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 December 18th 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



Hemos llegado al cuarto domingo de Adviento. Las cuatro velas en nuestra corona de Adviento están encendidas. La plenitud de la luz del Adviento ya está completa. Esperamos a celebrar la presencia del Señor entre nosotros. Finalmente podemos proclamar con el Salmo Responsorial 23, "Va a entrar el

Señor: Él es el rey de la Gloria." El Salmo 23 afirma que nuestro Dios es el creador de todas las cosas, el que continuamente saca el orden y la vida del caos y la muerte. De hecho, Dios es el rey de la gloria. Es este Dios el que invitamos a nuestras vidas y al mundo.

¿Cómo ha preparado un lugar para que el Señor entre durante esta temporada de Adviento? A lo largo de estas cuatro semanas de Adviento, hemos sido animados a hacer espacio para Dios en nuestras vidas. Las lecturas de los domingos del Adviento han dado varias directrices que nos permitirían hacer real la presencia del Señor, animándonos a actuar de la manera que el Señor modeló para nosotros. ¿Cómo ha sacado el orden y la vida del caos y la oscuridad de su vida, su familia, su comunidad, su mundo?

La mayoría de las directrices de las lecturas de los domingos del Adviento nos han llevado a este domingo y a la próxima celebración de Navidad. En las lecturas de hoy, la venida de Jesús es heraldo por dos nombres: el nombre "Jesús", y el nombre "Emmanuel". Tanto Isaías como Mateo juegan con el nombre Emmanuel, que significa "Dios con nosotros".

Isaías, mientras amonesta y aconseja al rey Ajaz a confiar en el Señor, habla de una señal de Dios acerca de una virgen o joven que pronto tendrá un hijo que será nombrado Emmanuel. Aunque Isaías está hablando de eventos que pasarán en su propia vida, los cristianos han aplicado este pasaje a la venida de Jesús. En la lectura del evangelio de hoy, Mateo entiende este pasaje de Isaías para ser cumplido en la anunciación y el nacimiento de Jesús a María.

Mateo es único en tener la anunciación del nacimiento de Jesús a José y no a María. El ángel le dice a José que debe nombrar a su hijo Jesús, que significa "Dios salva". Tanto el título de Emmanuel como el nombre Jesús nos dicen quién es Jesús y qué se requiere de sus discípulos si quieren hacer la presencia de Dios una realidad viva. Jesús, "Dios salva" y Emmanuel, "Dios con nosotros" destacan tanto la misión de Jesús como

la nuestra.

Los cristianos deben ser siempre conscientes de que nuestro Dios es un Dios que tiene una voluntad universal y el deseo de salvar a todas las personas. Los documentos del Concilio Vaticano II afirman claramente y firmemente este hecho. Dios se hizo humano en la persona de Jesús para mostrarnos el camino a la salvación modelando lo que es ser humano. Ser humano implica el cuidado y la preocupación por todos sin distinciones ni fronteras. La venida de Jesús eleva la humanidad, y toda la creación, a una dignidad y valor inconmensurable. Como seguidores de Jesús, debemos cuidar a cada persona humana, y a toda la creación, de la manera en que cuidaríamos a Cristo.

Dios, en la persona de Jesús, es también nuestro Emmanuel. Jesús vino a estar con nosotros y ha prometido estar con nosotros hasta el fin de los tiempos. Cada vez que elegimos actuar como él, lo hacemos presente una vez más, en nuestras vidas y en las vidas de todos los que tocamos. A menudo, la única forma en que otros sabrán de la fiel presencia de Cristo entre nosotros es en la manera en que demos amor mutuo. Si actuamos con amor y justicia, podemos estar seguros de que hemos hecho que Jesús, nuestro Emmanuel, vuelva a estar presente en los acontecimientos ordinarios y cotidianos de la vida.

Al cerrar la temporada de Adviento y entrar en la temporada navideña, ¿cómo hará presente a Cristo al invitar al Señor a entrar plenamente en su vida y en la vida del mundo?

Biagio Mazza,
Asociado Pastoral

Lecturas



Lecturas del Domingo, 18 de Diciembre

Primera Lectura: Isaías 7:10-14

Salmo: Salmo 23:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6

Segunda Lectura: Romanos 1:1-7

Evangelio: Mateo 1:18-24

Lecturas del Domingo, 25 de Diciembre

Primera Lectura: Isaías 52:7-10

Salmo: Salmo 97:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6

Segunda Lectura: Hebreos 1:1-6

Evangelio: Juan 1:1-18

Ministerio Juvenil

Oportunidades para Voluntarios

Uplift Org. Si le gustaría traer comidas a las personas sin hogar en el 4º o 5º 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 4º 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 26 de diciembre.

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 19 de enero 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 la Escuela de Religión

No habrá clases de catecismo el 18 y 25 de diciembre, ni el 1 de enero. Las clases se reanudarán el 8 de enero. ¡¡Feliz navidad y próspero año nuevo!!

Servicio de la Primera Reconciliación

Nuestro Servicio de la Primera Reconciliación será el 24 de enero a las 7pm en la iglesia. Por favor haga todo lo posible para asistir a este servicio especial para los niños de nuestras clases de preparación sacramental. Cuando llegue a la iglesia, por favor pase a ver a su maestro antes de entrar en el santuario.

¡Jóvenes de Junior High! Sus próximas reuniones serán los días 4 y 18 de enero a las 7pm.

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/>

Noche de Deportes para los Jóvenes de Junior High

El 14 de enero, nuestros jóvenes del 7º y 8º grado están invitados a asistir a una noche de deportes en el Legacy Park en Lee's Summit. Saldremos de la parroquia de St. Sabina a las 8pm el día 14 y regresaremos a las 6am el día 15. Los jóvenes son bienvenidos a traer un amigo pero todos los que participan deben tener un permiso los cuales están disponibles en el sitio web de la parroquia y se entregarán en la próxima reunión. El costo de este viaje es de \$25 por cada joven.

Reuniones del Equipos Search

Todos los ministros jóvenes que sirven en el equipo del retiro Search deben asistir a las siguientes reuniones de las 2 a 5pm en el salón parroquial. Nos reuniremos los días 15, 22 y 29 de enero y 4 de febrero.



Corresponsabilidad/Información

Campaña Católica Anual

Gracias a las 84 familias que han contribuido a la Campaña Católica Anual (ACA). Hasta ahora hemos recibido \$12,515.00 en promesas y contribuciones, lo cual representa aproximadamente el 67% de nuestra meta parroquial. Estamos tratando de lograr el 100% de participación; Alrededor del 6% de nuestras familias han hecho una contribución hasta el momento.

Rifa para los Becados en El Salvador

Por favor, por favor ayude 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.

Estamos vendiendo oportunidades para el ultimo juego: Domingo, 25 de Diciembre, 7:30pm, Denver Broncos. 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.

Se Necesitan Pelucas

Uno de nuestros feligreses estará colectando pelucas

nuevas o usadas para dar a aquellos que están recibiendo tratamientos contra el cáncer. Si tiene una peluca que le gustaría donar, por favor déjela en la oficina parroquial.

Árbol de Jesé

Abajo se encuentran las donaciones que recibiremos cada semana por el resto de Adviento:

✳ 17 y 18 de diciembre

Colecta especial para la jubilación de los religiosos ¡Gracias por su generosidad en nuestras colectas del Árbol de Jesé este año!

Fondo para la Jubilación de Religiosos

Los religiosos ancianos necesitan su ayuda. Estas hermanas, hermanos y sacerdotes de órdenes religiosas católicas—han dedicado su vida en servicio a los demás—educaron a los jóvenes, cuidaron a los enfermos y lucharon para que los oprimidos fueran tratados con justicia. Hoy, muchos son ancianos y necesitan atenciones. Su donativo al Fondo para la Jubilación de Religiosos ayuda con las recetas médicas, cuidados de enfermería y más. Sea generoso con la segunda colecta de hoy.

Platicas Pre-Bautismales—14 de Enero

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.**

Se Cierra la Oficina Parroquial

La Oficina Parroquial se cerrará a la 1pm el 22 de diciembre en observancia del festivo navideño. Abriremos de nuevo el 27 de diciembre. ¡El P. Jeff y el personal de la parroquia deseamos a usted y su familia una Navidad bendecida!

Experiencia Inicial

Tenemos una maravillosa oportunidad de ofrecer apoyo especial a nuestra comunidad bilingüe español/inglés como parte de nuestro Programa de Experiencia Inicial programado (English). Los participantes bilingües en el fin de semana de Experiencia Inicial deben ser capaces de entender el inglés hablado para que las presentaciones e instrucciones del equipo sean completamente comprendidas. Preguntas, escritos y compartición en grupos pequeños serán en español.

Podemos apoyar a hasta 5 participantes bilingües en el intercambio entre pequeños grupos en español. Sin embargo, más personas bilingües pueden asistir al fin de semana, se colocarán en sesiones de grupos pequeños en inglés.

Para obtener más información, visite: www.BeginningExperienceKC.com

Correo electrónico: register.bekc@gmail.com

O comuníquese con Kim: 816-739-4733

Horario de Misas Navideñas

Sábado, 24 de diciembre—4:00pm y 10:00pm en Inglés

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Horarios de Misa

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