

Saint Sabina Catholic Church

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



Thank you to Patté Schreihofer for her many years of service as a part of our Art & Environment team!

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

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Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2016

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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Intentions for December 5-9, 2016

Mon.	8am	Communion Service
Tues.	6pm	†Thomas Harley, Jr
Wed.	10:30am	†Robert J. Lewis (Beautiful Savior)
Thurs.	8am	†Nicholas Harley
	7pm	†Leah Harley
Fri.	8am	†Reina Ochoa

Saturday, December 10, 2016

4:00pm Intentions of the Parish Family

Sunday, December 11, 2016

8:00am	Intentions of the Altar Society
10:30am	†Mildred Saighman
12:30pm Spanish	†Ricardo Soto

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

- †Mabel Hopkins, mother of Sandy Flynn
- †Lewis Proctor, husband of Emie Proctor
- †Thomas Harley Jr, family of Hilda Alvarado
- †Nicholas Harley, family of Hilda Alvarado
- †Leah Harley, family of Hilda Alvarado
- †Elmer Price, father of Jeannine Midgett
- †Hilda Burchett, sister of Quin Henry
- †Sergio Lopez, tío de Hilda Alvarado



Calendar/Faith Formation

Sunday, December 4 - Domingo, 4 de Diciembre

Christmas Light Recycle
Donut Sunday—2nd Grade
9:00am Parents Lounge/PSR
11:00am Escuela de Religión
1:30pm Ensayo—Obra de Guadalupe
1:30pm Foro de Información de Inmigración
7:00pm Guadalupe Novena
7:00pm High School and Confirmation
7:00pm Ensayo—Matachines

Monday, December 5 - Lunes, 5 de Diciembre

5:30pm Marian Prayer Group
7:00pm Cub Scouts/Boy Scouts
7:00pm Guadalupe Novena

Tuesday, December 6 - Martes, 6 de Diciembre

7:00am Youth Prayer Group
7:00pm Ensayo—Obra de Guadalupe
7:00pm ESL/Ingles como Segunda Lengua
7:00pm Guadalupe Novena
7:00pm Ensayo—Matachines

Wednesday, December 7 - Miércoles, 7 de Diciembre

9:00am Legion of Mary
10:30am Mass at Beautiful Savior
7:00pm Choir practice (4:00 & 10:30 groups)
7:00pm Knights Business Meeting
7:00pm Junior High trip to Longview Lights
7:00pm Guadalupe Novena
7:00pm Ensayo—Matachines

Thursday, December 8 - Jueves, 8 de Diciembre

Immaculate Conception—Holy Day of Obligation
8:00am Mass
9:30am Quilters
7:00pm RCIA/RICA
7:00pm Mass/Misa de la Inmaculada Concepción
8:00pm Ensayo—Obra de Guadalupe
8:00pm Guadalupe Novena

Friday, December 9 - Viernes, 9 de Diciembre

7:00pm Guadalupe Novena
7:00pm Ensayo—Las Posadas

Saturday, December 10 - Sábado, 10 de Diciembre

9:00am Choir practice (8:00 group)
10:00am Platicas pre-bautismales
3:00pm Confessions
7:00pm Guadalupe Novena

Sunday, December 11 - Domingo, 11 de Diciembre

8:15am PSR teachers brunch
9:00am Parents Lounge/PSR
11:00am Escuela de Religión
1:00pm Search Team Meeting
1:30pm Guadalupe Novena
2:00pm Ensayo—Obra de Guadalupe

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. The next session will be:

Jan 23, 2017– Dialing Down the Heat (on Climate Change)

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.

Immaculate Conception Mass Schedule

For the Holy Day of the Immaculate Conception on Thursday, December 8th we will have two Masses. We will have a morning Mass at 8am in English and an evening Mass at 7pm which will be bilingual. Please note that our Guadalupe Novena will be at **8pm** that day.

Over 55

Over 55 Christmas Lunch

Our annual Christmas lunch will be held on Thursday, December 15th. Please bring a \$10 gift for the gift exchange. Please call the office at 816-331-4713 to sign up.



Religious Articles Sale—December 10/11

The Altar Society of St. Sabina will be selling Religious Articles after all weekend Masses on Dec 10th and 11th. There are many special gifts in stock and orders can still be placed for Christmas.

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.



Parish Happenings and Information

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

Guadalupe Celebration

We invite you and your family to our parish celebration in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Monday, December 12th:

6:00pm: Re-enactment of the Apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe to Juan Diego

6:40pm: Matachines Dancers

7:00pm Mass in Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00pm: Fiesta/party



Thank You from the Parents Lounge

A huge thank you to this amazing parish family we call St. Sabina. With the help of your generous donations, the Parents Lounge was able to help deserving families receive a full Thanksgiving dinner and gift cards at Hy-Vee. It truly warms our hearts to help these families and they are in our hearts and prayers.

Recycle your old,
non-working
Christmas lights!

El Equipo de Ecología de Sta. Sabina está ofreciendo 2 oportunidades más, otra vez este año, para que los feligreses puedan reciclar sus luces navideñas descompuestas:

**3/4 de Diciembre
7/8 de Enero**

The St. Sabina Green Team is offering 2 more opportunities for parishioners to recycle their old Christmas lights again this year:

**December 3/4
January 7/8**

Recicle sus luces
navideñas
descompuestas!



Cub Scout Pack 4111 and Boy Scout Troop 111 raised a new flag at the church on November 21. They also participated in a flag retirement ceremony with the old flag that had become too tattered and torn to be flown.

Pastoral Care

Nursing Home Mass Schedule

Dec 7	10:30am	Beautiful Savior
Dec 14	10:00am	Rehabilitation of Raymore
Dec 21	10:00am	Foxwood Springs

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.

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 in our bulletin. Names will remain on the list for two months but may be resubmitted. 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.



Prayer Requests/Peticiones de Oración

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

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.

Wellness Center

Chronic Knee Pain?

Two free surefire solutions: diet and exercise. Losing even a few pounds can provide tremendous relief. One study found that for every pound you drop, you take four pounds of pressure off your knees. Low-impact exercises-walking, swimming, cycling-help maintain a healthy weight and muscle mass as well as release endorphins, all of which can lead to a decrease in pain. It is our simple everyday choices that add up to a life of vibrant health and wellness. Here's to your health and vitality!

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:	CLOSED for carpet installation
Tuesday:	CLOSED for carpet installation
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:	Intermediate Yoga 1-2pm Gentle Yoga 2-3pm
Saturday:	CLOSED



Area Information

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:

-Dec 11	St Thomas More	2pm
-Dec 13	St Sabina	7pm
-Dec 15	St Bernadette	7pm

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*.

You are Invited

The Serra Club of Southeast Kansas City, Missouri invites you to a presentation at its meeting December 13th, 2016. Fr. Paul Turner will speak on "The Word Made Fresh: Listening to the Readings at Mass during Advent"

This presentation will explain why we hear the readings we hear at Mass on both the Sundays and weekdays of Advent. With a better understanding of the structure of the lectionary, Catholics can go even more deeply into the mystery of the Word of God.

The Serra Club of Southeast Kansas City will meet at Coronation of our Lady Parish in Grandview, Missouri. The meeting will be preceded by recitation of the Rosary at 6 p.m. and dinner at 6:30p.m. The presentation is at 7 p.m. Meal cost is \$11.

Please RSVP to Roger Tilling 816 524 8572 or rtilling1@aol.com by December 10th for the meal and/or the presentation.

happy birthday

Israel Amador	Jose Gonzalez	Christine Morris
Anna Anderson	Angel Gracida	Kathleen Muder
Brenda Arenivas	Christopher Guerra	Caroline Neal
Theresa Arnold	Edgar Guzman	Paul Needels
Luisa Arreola	John Hagemann	Isham Nelson
Steven Ayers	Sarah Hagemann	Hugh Owings
Phil Bohnert	Jean Hanover	Ailyn Palomares
Mary Boyd	Lucia Harlan	Vivian Petersen
Amanda Buendia	Alfredo Hernandez	Gabriel Piñon
Marysol Canchola	Jessica Hernandez	Amy Pope
Anthony Carlock	Ron Hoffman	Eckhard Preuss
John Carrell	Brynnley Howard	Zayden Priewe
Analise Cartier	Steve Imming	Rosalina Ramirez
Paul Castonguay	Renee Kerckhoff	Sergio Ramos
Miranda Como	Whitney Kirchhoff	Joanna Rodelo
Holly Coovert	Bob Kottenbrock	Jose Rodriguez
Theresa Earhart	Chelsea Landaverde	Maria Salas
Breckin Embry	Diane Lang	Rosa Salinas
Andrea Emerick	Philip Lang	Brenda Stoddard
Michelle Emry	Emmie Lenz	Rodney Stoverink
Dora Estrada	Jamie Logan	Christopher Thompson
Alex Flores	Araceli Lopez	Sergio Valenzuela
Arleth Flores	Leocadio Lopez	Michaela VanSickle
Sandy Flynn	Ana Mata Franco	Jenessys Vargas
Deborah Freisthler	Nicholas McGurn	Leticia Villa
Olivia Fuentes	Leonard Meiron	Rose Wall
Jose Garcia	Teodoro Mendoza	Danielle Weeks
Christopher Gnad	Alexia Mitchell	Timothy White
Emily Goffoy	Patrick Mittelstadt	Mariana Zavala
Melissa Goffoy	Casey Morgan	Patricia Zeitelhack
Jessica Gonzalez		

Happy Anniversary

Robert and Judith McDonald	56 Years!	12-10-1960
Sherman and Leona Ragsdale	53 Years!	12-07-1963
Greg and Carol Mull	39 Years!	12-09-1977
William and Sheila Birkner	39 Years!	12-10-1977
Kenneth and Teresa McDonald	32 Years!	12-07-1984
Jose and Jesusita Peralez	21 Years!	12-09-1995
Brian and Caroline Niemeyer	17 Years!	12-05-1999
Mark and Melissa Adams	14 Years!	12-09-2002



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 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.

PSR News

December 11th is our Teachers Breakfast for all of our PSR Teachers, Youth Leaders and Peer Ministers at 8:15am.

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.

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.

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/>



Thank you to all who made the Thanksgiving Dinner prepared for Uplift possible by donating their time, talent, and treasure!



Stewardship

"Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I say that Christ became a minister of the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, to confirm the promises to the patriarchs, but so that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy."

Romans 15: 7-9

As part of our Advent journey we need to work toward finding that same love in our hearts that the Lord feels for us. First, we need to recognize and accept that love. Then we need to seek the conversion that allows us to translate that love into our treatment of others. This is, in effect, what stewardship is all about — to glorify God in our actions by thinking of others first, by sharing who and what we are. — See more at www.catholicsteward.com/blog/

November 20th Contributions

Envelopes/Sobres:	\$17,589.85
Plate/Canasta:	\$ 710.02
Maintenance-Upkeep:	\$ 489.00
Tomorrow's Priests:	\$ 4,228.48

November 27th Contributions

Envelopes/Sobres:	\$8,619.79
Plate/Canasta:	\$ 713.38
Maintenance-Upkeep:	\$ 515.00
Thanksgiving:	\$ 689.00

Annual Catholic Appeal Update

Thanks to the 78 families who have contributed to the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA). So far we have received \$11,535.00 in pledges and contributions, which is about 61% of our parish goal. We are trying to achieve 100% participation; about 5% of our families have made a contribution thus far.

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

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

❄ Dec 3rd and 4th

Hats, gloves, scarves, socks, etc.

❄ Dec 10th and 11th

Canned and non-perishable food items

❄ Dec 17th and 18th

Second collection for Religious Retirement

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

Community Garden Raffle



Our Community Garden committee is selling chances to win a beautiful painting of Pope St. John Paul II. They will be selling raffle tickets through December 12th and will hold the drawing on Monday evening, December 12th. Each raffle ticket costs \$5 or you can purchase 5 tickets for \$20. For more information, please contact David Pierce at 816-392-1110 or Michelle Rose at

michelle-a-rose@att.net.

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 receive 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.

Green Team Tip of the Week

"Purchasing is always a moral-and not simply economic act" Pope Benedict XVI *Caritas in Veritate*

Reflection on the Readings



Advent is a season of joyful expectation and anticipation, focused on preparation for God's coming into our lives in

the person of Jesus. God, in Jesus, came as a full human person over two thousand years ago. God will come again at the end of time. Advent prepares and attunes us to God's presence in all our daily comings and goings. Preparation demands from us much work if it is ever to lead to fulfillment in the coming of Jesus. Today's readings remind us once again of the work that needs to be done if we are to make Christ fully present to all.

Christ has indeed come and is already present among us. The joyful work of Advent challenges us to make real Christ's presence in our words and deeds. The first reading from Isaiah proclaims that the anticipated messiah will teach us "how to judge the poor with justice and decide aright for the land's afflicted." The messiah will model a lifestyle that will result in a world containing "no harm or ruin...for the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the Lord, as water covers the sea."

We believe that Jesus, the messiah, came and modeled such a life style for us to imitate. In desiring peace for all, Jesus treated all with justice. Every time we act in similar fashion, we make Christ more clearly present for others to see. Jesus taught us that if we desire peace, it is essential that we work for justice. How do you work for

justice towards the poor and the afflicted in your interactions with others?

Responsorial Psalm 72 loudly affirms that "Justice shall flourish in his time and fullness of peace forever." This royal psalm speaks of the work of the king who represents God to the people. Christ is our God-representative who models justice work. Advent's preparatory work should ultimately lead to the flourishing of justice in our time, and to fullness of peace forever. The psalm specifies the particulars of such work: "rescue the poor... and the afflicted...have pity for the lowly and the poor." How will you do such preparatory work with joy and anticipation of making Christ more present than ever in your family and work environment?

The second reading from Paul's letter to the Romans challenges us to do Advent work by welcoming "one another...as Christ welcomed you." The work of hospitality at its best and most inclusive captures the entire reason for the Advent season. By being welcoming, hospitable and inclusive of all, we make everyone feel valued, honored and respected, even the stranger, the outcast and the foreigner. In so doing, all will come to experience the presence of Christ in deed and in truth.

Finally, Matthew offers us the modeling of John the Baptist, the ultimate example of the challenge and hard work required in preparing the way for experiencing God's presence. John stresses that making Christ truly present involves the heavy work of repentance, leading to the producing of good fruit. We cannot presume that familiarity with God will lead to ultimate intimacy with God. Some Jews thought so, as do some people in the various faith traditions of today. Matthew warns us through John's words that only in doing good works that lead to justice will we cultivate the lived context for making Christ fully and truly present.

Advent work is arduous yet full of joy and anticipation for it will lead to the fullness of Christ's presence among us. The readings today offer multiple ways in which we are to go about doing Advent work. What will you do to ensure that Christ becomes truly and fully present for all this Advent? How can we work together as a nation to ensure that justice, hospitality and inclusion continue to flourish in our land and be the hallmark of our national identity?

Biagio Mazza,
Pastoral Associate

Readings



Sunday, December 4

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

Sunday, December 11

1st Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

Psalm: Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (Isaiah 35:4)

2nd Reading: James 5:7-10

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

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 11th and 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



El Adviento es una temporada de previsión y anticipación alegre, centrada en la preparación para la venida de Dios en

nuestras vidas en la persona de Jesús. Dios, en Jesús, vino como una persona humana completa hace más de dos mil años. Dios vendrá otra vez al final de los tiempos. El Adviento nos prepara y nos conecta a la presencia de Dios en todas nuestras idas y venidas cotidianas. La preparación nos exige mucho trabajo si es que alguna vez resulta a la plenitud en la venida de Jesús. Las lecturas de hoy nos recuerdan una vez más el trabajo que hay que hacer si queremos hacer a Cristo plenamente presente a todos.

Cristo ha venido y ya está presente entre nosotros. La alegre obra del Adviento nos desafía a hacer realidad la presencia de Cristo en nuestras palabras y hechos. La primera lectura de Isaías proclama que el mesías anticipado nos enseñará "cómo defender con justicia al desamparado y con equidad dar sentencia al pobre". El Mesías modelará un estilo de vida que resultará en un mundo que no contiene "daño ni estrago... Porque así como las aguas colman el mar, así está lleno el país de la ciencia del Señor".

Creemos que Jesús, el Mesías, vino y modeló tal estilo de vida para que lo imitáramos. En desear la paz para todos, Jesús trató a todos con justicia. Cada vez que actuamos de manera similar, hacemos a Cristo más claramente presente para que otros lo vean. Jesús nos enseñó que si deseamos la paz, es esencial que trabajemos por la justicia. ¿Cómo

trabaja por la justicia hacia los pobres y los afligidos en sus interacciones con los demás?

El salmo responsorial 72 afirma en voz alta "que en sus días florezca la justicia, la paz abunde eternamente". Este salmo real habla de la obra del rey que representa a Dios ante el pueblo. Cristo es nuestro representante de Dios que modela el trabajo de la justicia. El trabajo preparatorio de Adviento debe resultar al florecimiento de la justicia en nuestros días, y a la abundancia de paz eternamente. El salmo especifica los detalles de esta obra: "librar al pobre... y al afligido... apiadarse del pobre y del indigente". ¿Cómo hará tal trabajo preparatorio con alegría y anticipación de hacer a Cristo más presente que nunca en su familia y trabajo?

La segunda lectura de la carta de Pablo a los romanos nos desafía a hacer el trabajo del Adviento acogiéndonos "los unos a los otros como Cristo los acogió a ustedes". El trabajo de hospitalidad en su mejor y más inclusivo capta toda la razón de la temporada de Adviento. Al ser acogedores, hospitalarios e inclusivos de todos, hacemos que todos se sientan valorados, honrados y respetados, incluso el extraño, el paria y el extranjero. Al hacerlo, todos llegarán a experimentar la presencia de Cristo en obras y en verdad.

Finalmente, Mateo nos ofrece la modelización de Juan el Bautista, el ejemplo definitivo del desafío y el duro trabajo requerido para preparar el camino para experimentar la presencia de Dios. Juan hace hincapié en que hacer a Cristo verdaderamente presente implica el trabajo pesado del arrepentimiento, resultando a la producción de buenos

frutos. No podemos presumir que la familiaridad con Dios resulta a la intimidad con Dios. Algunos judíos pensaban así, como lo piensan algunas personas en las diversas tradiciones de fe de hoy. Mateo nos advierte a través de las palabras de Juan que sólo al hacer buenas obras que resultan a la justicia, cultivaremos el contexto vivido para hacer Cristo plenamente y verdaderamente presente.

El trabajo del Adviento es arduo, pero lleno de alegría y anticipación porque resultará a la plenitud de la presencia de Cristo entre nosotros. Las lecturas de hoy ofrecen múltiples formas en las que debemos hacer el trabajo de Adviento. ¿Qué hará para asegurar que Cristo se vuelva verdaderamente y plenamente presente a todos este Adviento? ¿Cómo podemos trabajar juntos como una nación para asegurar que la justicia, la hospitalidad y la inclusión continúen floreciendo en nuestra tierra y sean el sello distintivo de nuestra identidad nacional?

Biagio Mazza
Asociado Pastoral

Lecturas



Lecturas del Domingo, 4 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

Lecturas del Domingo, 4 de Diciembre

Primera Lectura: Isaías 35:1-6a, 10

Salmo: Salmo 145:6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10

Segunda Lectura: Santiago 5:7-10

Evangelio: Mateo 11:2-11

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 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

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: artículos de tocador del tamaño viajero, calentadores de manos y de pies, los bocadillos envueltos individualmente (carne de vacuno espasmódica es un favorito), agua embotellada, abrelatas, cerillos, velas, mini linternas y cualquier cosa que usted puede pensar que sería un regalo agradable.

¡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

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 Victimas, 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/>

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.



¡Gracias a todos los que hicieron la Cena de Acción de Gracias preparada para Uplift posible donando su tiempo, talento y tesoro!



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Campaña Católica Anual

Gracias a las 78 familias que han contribuido a la Campaña Católica Anual (ACA). Hasta ahora hemos recibido \$11,535.00 en promesas y contribuciones, lo cual representa aproximadamente el 61% de nuestra meta parroquial. Estamos tratando de lograr el 100% de participación; Alrededor del 5% 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 los siguientes juegos:

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Domingo, 18 de Diciembre, al mediodía, Tennessee Titans

Domingo, 25 de Diciembre, 7:30pm, Denver Broncos

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Rifa para el Jardín Comunitario

Nuestro comité del Jardín Comunitario está vendiendo oportunidades para ganar una hermosa pintura del Papa San Juan Pablo II. Estarán vendiendo boletos de la rifa hasta el 12 de diciembre y realizarán el sorteo el lunes, 12 de diciembre. Cada boleto cuesta \$5 o puede comprar 5 boletos por \$20.

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.**

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Nuestro Servicio de Penitencia en St. Sabina se llevará a cabo el martes

13 de diciembre a las 7pm. Otros servicios del área serán los siguientes:

-Dec 11 St Thomas Más 2pm

-Dec 13 St Sabina 7pm

-Dec 15 St Bernadette 7pm

Celebración Guadalupana

Les invita a usted y su familia a nuestra celebración parroquial en honor de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe el lunes, 12 de Diciembre:

6:00pm: Obra de Teatro de las Apariciones Guadalupanas

6:40pm: Danzas de los Matachines

7:00pm: Misa en su Honor

8:00pm: Fiesta

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Para nuestra Celebración en honor a Nuestra Madre de Guadalupe este 12 de Diciembre, necesitamos de su generosa ayuda, puede donar: Pan dulce, chocolate ya elaborado, Tamales, o dinero en efectivo, tendremos una hoja en el área de reunión en la iglesia, para que por favor anote la información de su donación y así poder contar con ello, como también puede hacerlo con Berenice Zayas u otra persona en las oficinas.

Gracias del Grupo Parents Lounge

Nos gustaría extender un enorme agradecimiento a esta familia parroquial que llamamos Sta. Sabina. Con la ayuda de sus generosas donaciones, el grupo Parents Lounge pudo ayudar a las familias que merecen recibir una cena completa de Acción de Gracias y tarjetas de regalo en Hyvee. Realmente calienta nuestros corazones al ayudar a estas familias y ellas están en nuestros corazones y oraciones.

Abogado de Inmigración - 4 de Diciembre

El día, 4 de Diciembre después de la Misa, vamos a tener un foro de información sobre leyes de inmigración después del resultado de las elecciones. Hemos invitado un abogado de inmigración, Ronald Nguyen, que pueden contestar sus preguntas y dudas.

Horario de Misas para la Inmaculada Concepción

Para el Día Santo de la Inmaculada Concepción el jueves 8 de diciembre tendremos dos Misas. Tendremos una Misa a las 8am en inglés y una Misa bilingüe a las 7pm.



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