

Saint Sabina Catholic Church

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



Congratulations to Eli and the other children who received their first communion last weekend!

Mass Times

Saturday: 4:00pm in English

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

**Visit our website for Holy Day and special
Mass times**

Monthly Sew Day

Beginning April 21, The Ladies Auxiliary and Piecemakers quilt group will be hosting a monthly sew day on the third Thursday of each month from 9am-3pm in the gym. All are invited to come and help make lap robes to be donated to our area nursing homes. Please bring your sewing machine, thread, scissors, and a lunch (fabric will be available at the events)!

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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Intentions for April 18-22, 2016

Mon.	8am	†Patricia Srader
Tues.	6pm	†Chester Hopkins
Wed.	8am	Intentions of the Long Family
	10am	†Mary Teresa Grosko (Foxwood Springs)
Thurs.	8am	†Douglas Cheney
Friday	8am	†Charlotte Byrnes

Saturday, April 23, 2016

4:00pm	†Don Fenske Intentions of Becky Fenske
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Sunday, April 24, 2016

8:00am	†Frances Little Intentions of the Parish Family
10:30am	†Ferdinando and Anna DiMaggio and Family
12:30pm Spanish	†Trine Vides †Alicia Marta Hernandez

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

†Florence Lusco, Carnegie Village

†Chester Hopkins, son of Mabel Hopkins, brother of Sandy Flynn

†Douglas Cheney, son-in-law of Mabel Hopkins, brother-in-law of Sandy Flynn

†Charlotte Byrnes, Beautiful Savior

†Frances Little, sister-in-law of Wayne Little

†Tomás Turcios, father of Delmy Giron and Oscar Turcios



Calendar/Parish Happenings

Sunday, April 17 - Domingo, 17 de Abril

9:00am	Parents Lounge
9:00am	PSR
11:00am	Escuela de Religión
1:00pm	Dave Ramsey FPU
7:00pm	Confirmation and High School Youth Group

Monday, April 18 - Lunes, 18 de Abril

5:30pm	Marian Prayer Group
6:00pm	Entrenamiento de Guías para los Talleres
6:00pm	Cub Scouts
7:00pm	Boy Scouts Gym

Tuesday, April 19 - Martes, 19 de Abril

4:30pm	Confessions
7:00pm	Boy Scout Committee Meeting
7:00pm	English as a Second Language Inglés Como Segunda Lengua
7:00pm	Foundations for Living Stones
7:00pm	Talleres de Oración y Vida

Wednesday, April 20 - Miércoles, 20 de Abril

9:00am	Legion of Mary
10:00am	Mass at Foxwood Springs
7:00pm	Choir Practice (4:00 & 10:30 groups)
7:00pm	Junior High Youth Group
7:00pm	Knights Officers Meeting

Thursday, April 21 - Jueves, 21 de Abril

9:00am	Sew Day in the Gym
6:00pm	Harvesters
7:00pm	RCIA/RICA

Friday, April 22 - Viernes, 22 de Abril

No Scheduled Activities

Saturday, April 23 - Sábado, 23 de Abril

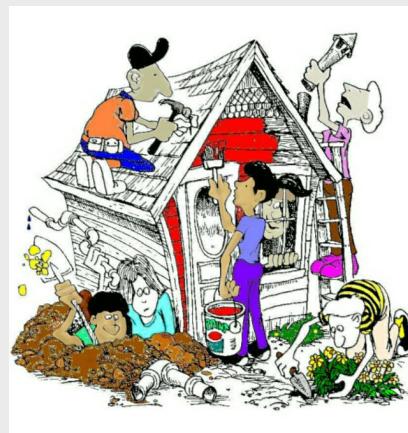
9:00am	Living Stones Make-Up Session
3:00pm	Confessions

Sunday, April 24 - Domingo, 24 de Abril

8:30am	PSR Teachers' Brunch
9:00am	Parents Lounge
9:00am	PSR
11:00am	Escuela de Religión

Need Help with Your Home?

We are gearing up for our second St. Sabina Helping Hands work day. We are currently accepting applications for those who need help with minor home repairs and yard maintenance such as: some painting, gutter work, minor plumbing, etc. Applications and more information are available in the gathering space. If you need help with your home, please look over the information provided in the gathering space, as this is not a complete list of what we can do.



The Fifth Gospel – The Writings of the Prophet Isaiah

**Monday Evenings, May 2-9-16-23, 2016 ~ 7-9 PM
Repeated Wednesday Mornings, May 4-11-18-25, 2016 ~ 10 AM-Noon**

The book of Isaiah is the most often quoted prophetic book in the New Testament. We use many passages from Isaiah in our lectionary, especially during the seasons of Advent-Christmas and Lent-Easter. The New Testament writers were familiar with Isaiah and used it often as a backdrop to understanding Jesus' identity, mission and ministry. These four two-hour sessions will present a basic introduction to the Book of Isaiah, with a special focus on Chapters 40-55, what is commonly referred to as the writings of Second Isaiah.

Come, bring a bible and a friend and let us together explore this most important prophetic book, and its impact on Jesus and the New Testament. Such awareness will deepen our knowledge of God's word as well as enhance our full, conscious and active participation in the Sunday liturgy. These sessions would greatly benefit all liturgical ministers, especially lectors and cantors. All Christian denominations and faith traditions are most welcome.



Parish Happenings and Information

Fasting Before Receiving Communion

The Code of Canon Law states, "A person who is to receive the Most Holy Eucharist is to abstain for at least one hour before holy communion from any food and drink, except for only water and medicine... The elderly, the infirm, and those who care for them can receive the Most Holy Eucharist even if they have eaten something within the preceding hour." Therefore, those receiving holy communion should fast one hour prior to receiving communion, not one hour before Mass begins. As the saying goes, "breakfast is the most important meal of the day," so be assured that you can eat breakfast before coming to Mass in the morning.



Year of Mercy at St. Sabina

'I have decided to announce an Extraordinary Jubilee which has at its centre the mercy of God. It will be a Holy Year of Mercy. We want to live in the light of the word of the Lord: "Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful" (cf. Lk 6:36).'

-Pope Francis

For more information on the Year of Mercy in our parish and diocese visit: stsabinaparish.org/year-of-mercy/.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

World Day of Prayer will be observed on Sunday, April 17th, also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publically fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes. You can find many resources to promote a culture of vocations on the [USCCB Vocations webpage](http://www.usccb.org/vocations) (www.usccb.org/vocations).

Bilingual Story Time

The Belton Library is coming to St. Sabina the second Thursday of every month to present story time in English and Spanish for pre-school age children. Please plan on joining us on **May 12th** at 10am in the Juan Diego Room in the Education Wing. You are invited to bring a toy and stay for an hour of play after Story Time.

2016 Art Show

The St. Sabina Altar Society and the *In Our Lady* homeschool group would like to invite you to their free end-of-the-year art show. It will be Friday, April 29th, from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM in the gym. It's an open-house, gallery-style show, so come when you wish. Many styles and mediums will be presented – all created by wonderful students from 3rd through 12th grades. Many of these students call St. Sabina their parish. If you have any questions, you may call Kristi Darby at 816-210-6775 or email at Kristi@kcmo.net. We hope to see you there!



Last Saturday, April 9, six men from St. Sabina made their Knights of Columbus 4th Degree. Pictured above are George Barrios, Ron Schock, Fr. Jeff Stephan, John Berryman, Jerry Stella and Dale Amfahr.

Pastoral Care

Nursing Home Mass Schedule

Apr 20 10:00am	Foxwood Springs
Apr 27 11:00am	Carnegie Village
May 4 10:30am	Beautiful Savior
May 11 10:00am	Rehabilitation of Raymore

Is the Spirit calling you to ministry?

Special Ministers to the Sick and Homebound are always needed at our parish. A love of the Eucharist, and a caring heart are all that is necessary. Training will be provided. For more info contact Marta Roper in the parish office. 979-3154 or marta@stsabinaparish.org

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 this sacrament let Fr Jeff or Fr Curt know before the Mass you attend and they 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.

In this year of Mercy our Church is the voice of Mercy

Working with the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas Project Rachel will begin hosting one-day retreats, known as "Unfailing Mercy," to share God's mercy and healing after abortion. The first retreat will be Saturday, Apr 23 from 8:30am to 5:00pm. Women and men of all ages are welcome. Sometimes... one day really can change everything. For location and details call 816-591-3804 or email projectrachel@diocesekcsj.org. Your confidentiality will be respected.

Prayer Requests/Peticiones de Oración

Felipe Abarca	Antonio Garcia	Sherril Nevins
Diana Avery	Wilma Gaines	Gary Palmer
Beverly Bell	Jason Hart	Thelma Palmer
Pauline Bellm	Jeanette Hart	Leona Ragsdale
Sherrill Bentley	Cherie Hatfield	Linda Regnier
John Bidondo	Bob Heffernan	Mary Renfro
Allie Biondo	Pat Heffernan	Austin Richards
Lonny Borchers	Bart Henke	Kathy Shields
Richard Borris	Mabel Hopkins	Patricia Smith
Gretchen Butler	Mary Ellen Hermann	Joe Stanley
Mark Butler	Kelly Jordon	Noah Stanley
Tom Butler	Kelsey Krum	Lois Stogsdill
Georgene Caoile	Filemu Lemautu	Jean Tate
John Caoile	Beverly Little	Ruth Tayler
Trish Clark	Jo Locke	Ann Verhulst
Marvin Cohen	Msgr. J. Mancuso	Kaley Wagner
Joseph Coots	Gloria McLaughlin	Marie Wilburn
Donna Dailey	Denise Mehlo	Bob Westfall
Paul DeMar	Alice Miller	Mary Westfall
Butch Ford	Nadine Monnig	Brandi Wiatrek
Emily Frezza	John Malena	Carmitia Yust
Dick Garnier	Mona Neighbors	Pablo Zayas

Bulletin Prayer Request List

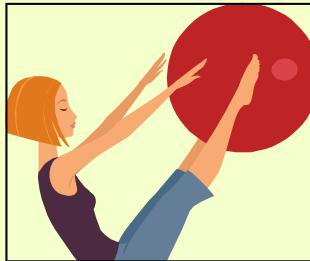
Parishioners who are ill, or who have a loved one who is ill, may request to have the person remembered on the Prayer Request list published in our bulletin. Names will remain on the list for two months but may be resubmitted upon request. Please remember permission must be given by the individual before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

Wellness Center

Avoid Thinking of Exercise as Exercise:

In Other Words... Trick Yourself 😊

Brian Wansink, PhD, director of the Cornell Food and Brand Lab and author *Slim by Design: Mindless Eating Solutions for Everyday Life* conducted a study where his team took people on a walk for a mile and told some it was a workout and others it was a scenic and fun outing. Afterward, everyone ate lunch, and the scenic group consumed 35 percent less dessert than the workout group. If you think of physical activity as fitness, you tend to want to reward yourself. But if you see a workout as something else, like personal time, you don't have that same tendency. Dr. Wansink recommends that when you exercise think of it as a celebration!



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
Friday:	ReFit® 5-6pm Intermediate Yoga 1-2pm Gentle Yoga 2-3pm
Saturday:	Circuit Training 5-6pm Open Workout 8:30-11:30am Refit® 10-11am



Area Information

Diocesan Healing Prayer Services

The diocese continues to reach out to those impacted by abuse by offering healing services. The next service will be held at **St. James Parish, 309 South Stewart Road, Liberty, 64068 on Thursday April 21st at 7:00 p.m.** and at **St. Therese Parish 7207 NW Highway 9, Kansas City, 64152 on Wednesday May 25th at 7:00 p.m.**

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

The best way to protect our children and our church is for adults to learn red flag behaviors and to report concerns to supervisors. This creates a culture of protection. Sign up for a safe environment training even if you are not required. <https://kcsjccatholic.org/the-office-of-child-and-youth-protection/virtus/training-programs/>

Priests Softball Game - June 19

Please join us for the **3rd Annual Pitching for Priests Softball game** at Community America Ballpark (**T-bones Stadium**) in the Legends shopping area on **FATHER'S DAY, Sunday June 19, 2016 at 5:00 pm.** Player introductions, National Anthem, and the first pitch will begin at 4:45 pm. If you order tickets online they will be available at the game (will call). Tickets will not be mailed. For more information, please visit <https://squareup.com/market/catholic-radio-network/nd-annual-pitching-for-priests-softball-game>.

Camp Erin, June 10-12

The weekend camp designed for children and teens that have experienced a **significant loss** is coming up June 10 – 12. Parents/guardians can contact Lisa Farmer for more information: lfarmer@kchospice.org or [816-276-2766](tel:816-276-2766).

Make 'Thyme for Kids' at Ozanam's Annual Plant Sale

Boys and girls involved in Ozanam's Horticulture Therapy Program will open their greenhouse doors to the public at the end of April for a plant sale to support their activities. Since 1948, Ozanam has helped thousands of children with emotional, behavioral and learning challenges reconnect with their families and communities through residential and day treatment programs in addition to transitional living and school consultation services. The Horticulture Therapy Program offers these children an opportunity to learn to nurture and care for living things while drawing correlations to their own lives.

WHERE: The greenhouse on Ozanam's main campus located at 421 E. 137th Street; Kansas City, MO 64145

WHEN: Friday, April 29th from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, April 30th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This event is free to attend and open to the public.



Juan Aguilera	Pat Heinerikson	Jordan Rewald
Dora Aguirre	Pamela Hennessey	Miguel Salinas
Joshua Anderson	Rachel Holloway	Agustin Sanjuan
Oscar Andrade	Lauren Horstman	Trish Schieszer
Gerardo Arenivas	Kris Jaimes	Jewel Sowers
Abel Arreola	Bill Kronk	Sandy Spiller
Alejandra Basurto	Juanita Leon	Patty Stahl
Matthew Butler	Priscilla Lopez	Rilynn Stauch
Edith Caldera	Austin Mata Franco	Fr. Jeff Stephan
Lizeth Canela	Collin McDonald	Bailee Strickland
Haley Coover	Richard McGurn	Ray Taylor
Genesis Corral	Chelsi Mizner	Nate Thurman
Alejandra Cosmopoulos	Abigail Nateras	Xian Thurston
Marcia DiGeorge	Matthew Nation	Alex Torres
Jakelin Escobar	Jassiny Novoa	Aggie Vest
Maria Felix	Richard O'Keefe	Yuleth Villalobos
Iris Gonzalez	Reyna Ortiz	Mark Wipperman
Yahir Gonzalez	Angela Pinon	Chris Wyatt
Jim Haddock	Dana Ranes	Enrique Zamora



Mark and Danielle Haus	27 Years!	04-22-1989
Alex Torres and Rosa Salayandia	22 Years!	04-23-1994
Norm and Brenda Stoddard	19 Years!	04-18-1997
Tim and Wendi Hooper	18 Years!	04-18-1998
Justo Gonzalez and Norabel Molina	17 Years!	04-24-1999
Lester and Patty Carbaugh	15 Years!	04-21-2001
Gerardo Paz and Belia Morales	15 Years!	04-22-2001
Fernando and Ana Giron	13 Years!	04-19-2003
Sharon and Brad Walker	12 Years!	04-23-2004
Brooke and James Campbell	12 Years!	04-24-2004
Corey and Sonja Morgan	11 Years!	04-21-2005
Jamie and Aaron Norris	11 Years!	04-23-2005
Jeff and Lori Overhaug	9 Years!	04-21-2007
Amanda and Kevin Gray	7 Years!	04-18-2009
Mark and Amber Stegner	3 Years!	04-20-2013

Baptism Congratulations

Congratulations to our newly baptized:

Diego Valenzuela Varillas, son of Josefina Varillas Fernandez



School of Religion/Youth Ministry

Junior High Youth! Our next meetings will be on April 20th & May 4th 7-8:30pm in the Parish Hall. We're looking forward to seeing you!

High School & Confirmation Youth Group Your next meetings will be on April 17th and May 1st from 7-8:30pm in the Parish Hall.

Peer Minister Training! All confirmation youth and current Peer Ministers are invited and strongly encouraged to attend a one day workshop to learn the skills they need to be great leaders. Please join me at St. Mark's Parish from 9am until 4pm on April 30th. If you need a ride, meet up at the church at 8am and we will return around 5pm. There is no cost for this training day but it's worth a million! Lunch will be provided. Permission slips are available on the parish website.

Confirmation Rehearsal Dinner We will meet in the gym at 6:30pm on May 10th. Each boy candidate and his sponsor are to bring one dessert that will serve 12 people. Each girl candidate and her sponsor are to bring a side dish that will serve 12 people. The Youth Office will provide the meat and drinks for our dinner. Parents are asked to volunteer with receiving the food as it arrives while we begin the rehearsal. We will enjoy our pot luck dinner after rehearsal in the gym.

Confirmation Mass May 11th Bishop Johnston has asked that all candidates arrive in the gym no later than 5pm so he can meet with you. The Youth Office will provide snacks (leftovers from the rehearsal dinner). Mass will begin at 7pm. We will have a cake and punch reception immediately after Mass in the gym.



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:

*Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738(if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and

*Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and

*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, (ELM). More info at http://www.diocese-kcsj.org/content/protecting_children/

Children's Liturgy Sunday

Children from our parish are invited to be Lectors, Ushers, Greeters and Gift Bearers at a Mass each month. Our next Mass date is May 8th at the 10:30am Mass. Please contact Kirstie Roberts if your child would like to sign up for this ministry.

Donut Sunday!

Please join us for doughnuts and orange juice on May 1st after the Masses which will be hosted by the 6th grade class!

Teacher's Brunch!

Our PSR teachers are the heart and soul of our school and we want to thank you for all of the hard work you did this past year to enrich the faith lives of all the little ones. Please join together on April 24th at 8:15am for a brunch to celebrate YOU!

Children received their first communion at both our 10:30 and 12:30 Masses last weekend. Congratulations to all!

Stewardship

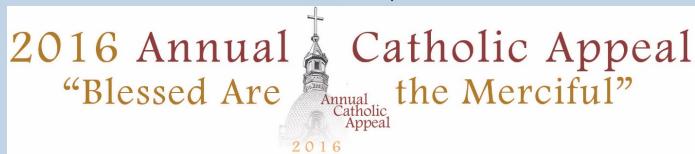
"All who were destined for eternal life came to believe, and the word of the Lord continued to spread through the whole region. The Jews, however, incited the women of prominence who were worshipers and the leading men of the city, stirred up a persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in protest against them, and went to Iconium. The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit."

Acts 13: 48-52

No one likes or appreciates rejection. It is humiliating and discouraging. There may be times in our own lives when we follow firmly our Catholic beliefs and experience something similar. However, like Paul and Barnabas, we need to become even more determined in our desire to be a Disciple of the Lord. In their case, they moved on to Iconium and continued their ministry and their message. In fact, Holy Scripture adds, "The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit." We, too, need to seek that joy and to understand that we have been blessed and empowered by the Holy Spirit. Blessed Mother Teresa said, "Give yourself fully to God. He will use you to accomplish great things on the condition that you believe much more in His love than in your own weakness." Like Paul and Barnabas, and Mother Teresa, we need to seek and utilize God's strength. — See more at www.catholicsteward.com/blog/

April 10 Contributions

Envelopes/Sobres:	\$9,241.54
Plate/Canasta:	\$1,334.46
Maintenance-Upkeep:	\$1,118.23
CRS Rice Bowl:	\$ 215.65



2016 Annual Catholic Appeal

Thanks to all who have contributed to the 2016 Annual Catholic Appeal. **As of April 4th, 105 families from St. Sabina have contributed a total of \$15,583.00.** Please contribute generously to "Blessed Are the Merciful", the 2016 Annual Catholic Appeal (*in past years, the Bishop's Annual Appeal*) in support of parish and diocesan programs and ministries. Go on-line to www.kcsjgives.org for more information or use the form available in the Catholic Key. To make a gift of appreciated stock, mutual fund shares or gifts of grain, call Greg Vranicar at 816.714.2363.

St. Sabina Helping Hands

We are currently looking for volunteers to help on Saturday, May 7th. Volunteers will help other parishioners with minor home repairs and yard maintenance such as: some painting, gutter work, minor plumbing, etc. Volunteer sign up sheets, and more information are available in the gathering space.

Ministry Fair

Spring is approaching and that means we're nearing our parish's Stewardship Sundays. This year, we will be bringing back our ministry fair. Please plan on attending the ministry fair after Mass on the weekend of May 1st to learn about the many opportunities our parish offers for living a Stewardship lifestyle.

Bulk Mailing Thanks

A special thank you to all who donated their time to the parish to help with our bulk mailing last week! It was a big job and we wouldn't have been able to get it done without you.

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 April 25

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 May 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 work together with other Christians to carry out Christ's work. Our next volunteer date is April 20. Contact Berenice Zayas in the parish office for more information or to sign up. Phone: 816-979-3150 or email: berenice@stsabinaparish.org

Reflection on the Readings



The fourth Sunday of Easter is known as Good Shepherd Sunday. The gospel reading for all three lectionary years proclaims different verses of the Good Shepherd discourse found in chapter ten of John's gospel.

Biblically speaking, shepherds referred to the leaders of the people, usually kings and priests who were anointed and set aside to be attuned to the needs of the people. They were to make sure that justice, right relationship and inclusivity were hallmarks of their dealings with all people. However the prophetic tradition clearly expresses the reality that these shepherds were often bad or poor shepherds, taking advantage or lording it over the people under their care. Pope Francis' prophetic directive clearly applies here as he challenges all church leaders to "take on the smell of the sheep."

Chapter ten of John's gospel boldly affirms Jesus to be the Good Shepherd. A good shepherd is one who goes out of his way to care for and protect those under his care. He "knows" his people with intimacy and love, and they respond by listening and following. Jesus' faithful gift to his sheep, his people, is eternal life. John images this strong bond of intimacy and love by asserting that we are grasped and firmly held in Christ's hands, "No one can take them out of my hand." A good shepherd makes sure that his people are protected at all cost, even if it means risk and danger to his own life.

The first reading from Acts speaks of both Paul and Barnabas encountering opposition and rejection on their journey of witness and evangelization. Such rejection does not stop them from being faithful to their mission of being a "light to the Gentiles...an instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth." Those who reject their mission of witnessing to Christ are left to their own devices as Paul and Barnabas direct their efforts to those willing to listen and be changed.

No matter the struggles, even the dangers to one's life, Jesus' followers are "filled with joy and the Holy Spirit," knowing that they are always held in God's protective

hands. With the psalmist we joyfully sing the refrain of Responsorial Psalm 100 as we affirm our enduring belief, "We are his people, the sheep of his flock."

The second reading from the book of Revelation proclaims that our Good Shepherd, Jesus, is also the lamb who was slain for his people, and who is now risen. The risen Christ, now victorious, is honored by a countless multitude who stand before him "wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands." They sacrificed themselves in witnessing to the Lord and "have survived the time of great distress" by washing their robes and making them "white in the blood of the Lamb."

Witnessing to the risen Christ in hope and confidence, they are now rewarded for their faithfulness by their Good Shepherd "who will shelter them...lead them to springs of life-giving water...wipe away every tear from their eyes." They trusted in the Lord, their Good Shepherd, and the risen Christ has not let them down.

Hearing, following and witnessing to Jesus, our Good Shepherd, means carrying on the mission of Jesus here and now, no matter where we are planted. It necessitates hope, trust and confidence in the risen Lord who grasps us firmly in his hands. It involves care and concern for all God's people, even being willing to risk our own lives so that others may live. How do you model Jesus, the Good Shepherd, in your multiple interactions with people? On this Good Shepherd Sunday and throughout this week, examine those interactions and ask God to make you more like our risen Lord, our Good Shepherd.

**Biagio Mazza,
Pastoral Associate**

Readings



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 April 24th at 10:30am.** All are welcome. Bring a Bible and a friend. To register for these sessions, please call Biagio at 816-979-3153.

Sunday, April 17

1st Reading: Acts 13:14, 43-52

Psalm: Psalm 100:1-2, 3, 5 (3c)

2nd Reading: Revelation 7:9, 14b-17

Gospel: John 10:27-30

Sunday, April 24

1st Reading: Acts 14:21-27

Psalm: Psalm 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 (see 1)

2nd Reading: Revelation 21:1-5a

Gospel: John 13:31-33a, 34-35



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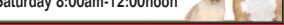
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Reflexión Sobre las Lecturas



tres años leccionarios proclama diferentes versos del discurso del Buen Pastor que se encuentra en el capítulo diez del Evangelio según San Juan.

Bíblicamente, "pastores" se refirieron a los líderes de la gente, por lo general reyes y sacerdotes que fueron ungidos y apartados para estar en sintonía con las necesidades del pueblo. Tenían que asegurarse de que la justicia, el tratamiento bueno que nos pide Dios de los demás, y la inclusión eran sellos de sus relaciones con todos. Sin embargo, la tradición profética expresa claramente la realidad de que estos pastores muchas veces eran pastores malos o pobres, aprovechando o tratando las personas bajo su cuidado con prepotencia. La directiva profética del Papa Francisco se aplica aquí como desafío a todos los líderes de la iglesia a "asumir el olor de las ovejas."

El capítulo diez del Evangelio según San Juan audazmente afirma que Jesús es el Buen Pastor. Un buen pastor es uno que hace mas de lo esperado para cuidar y proteger a los que están bajo su cuidado. "Conoce" a su pueblo con la intimidad y el amor, y el pueblo responde escuchándolo y siguiéndolo. El regalo fiel de Jesús a sus ovejas, su pueblo, es la vida eterna. Juan pinta este fuerte vínculo de intimidad y amor con la

afirmación de que estamos sujetos y retenidos firmemente en las manos de Cristo, "nadie las arrebatará de mi mano." Un buen pastor se asegura de que su pueblo está protegido cueste lo que cueste, incluso si significa el riesgo y peligro de su propia vida.

La primera lectura de los Hechos habla de Pablo y Bernabé encontrándose con la oposición y el rechazo en su viaje de testimonio y evangelización. Tal rechazo los para de ser fieles a su misión de ser una "luz de los paganos ... Para llevar la salvación hasta los últimos rincones de la tierra." Los que rechazan a su misión de dar testimonio de Cristo están abandonados a sus propios medios como Pablo y Bernabé dirigen sus esfuerzos a los que están dispuestos a escuchar y ser cambiados.

No importa las luchas, incluso los peligros a la vida de uno, los seguidores de Jesús están "llenos de alegría y del Espíritu Santo", sabiendo que están siempre retenidos en las manos protectoras de Dios. Con el salmista nos cantamos con alegría el estribillo del Salmo responsorial 100 mientras afirmamos nuestra creencia perdurable, "Somos su pueblo y ovejas de su rebaño."

La segunda lectura del libro de Apocalipsis proclama que nuestro Buen Pastor, Jesús, es también el cordero que fue sacrificado por su pueblo, y que ahora ha resucitado. El Cristo resucitado, ahora victorioso, es honrado por una multitud innumerable que están delante de él "vestidos con túnica blanca y llevaban palmas en las manos." Ellos se sacrificaron en el

testimonio del Señor y "han pasado por la gran persecución" lavando y blanqueando su túnica "con la sangre del Cordero."

Dando testimonio del Cristo resucitado con la esperanza y la confianza, están recompensados por su fidelidad por su Buen Pastor que "los protegerá ... los conducirá a las fuentes de agua de la vida ... enjugará de sus ojos toda lágrima." Confían en el Señor, su Buen Pastor, y el Cristo resucitado no los ha decepcionado.

Escuchando, siguiendo y dando testimonio de Jesús, nuestro Buen Pastor, significa continuar la misión de Jesús aquí y ahora, no importa donde estamos plantados. Se necesita esperanza, la confianza y la confianza en el Señor resucitado que nos agarra firmemente en sus manos. Se trata de la atención y la preocupación por todo el pueblo de Dios, incluso estar dispuesto a arriesgar nuestras propias vidas para que otros puedan vivir. ¿Cómo modela a Jesús, el Buen Pastor, en sus interacciones múltiples con la gente? En este Domingo del Buen Pastor y a lo largo de esta semana, examine esas interacciones y pídale a Dios a hacerle más como nuestro Señor resucitado, nuestro Buen Pastor.

**Biagio Mazza
Asociado Pastoral**

Lecturas



Lecturas del Domingo, 17 de Abril

Primera Lectura: Hechos 13:14, 43-52
Salmo: Salmo 100:2, 3, 5
Segunda Lectura: Apocalipsis 7:9, 14-17
Evangelio: Juan 10:27-30

Lecturas del Domingo, de Abril

Primera Lectura: Hechos 14:21-27
Salmo: Salmo 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab
Segunda Lectura: Apocalipsis 21:1-5
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Escuela de Religión/Ministerio Juvenil

Jóvenes de Junior High!

Nuestras próximas reuniones serán el 20 de Abril y 4 de Mayo de 7-8:30pm en el Salón Parroquial. Aquí les esperamos!

Jóvenes de High School y Confirmación

Sus próximas reuniones serán el 17 de Abril y 1 de Mayo de 7-8:30pm en el Salón Parroquial.

Entrenamiento de Ministros Jóvenes!

Todos los jóvenes de confirmación y de Ministros jóvenes actuales son invitados y fuertemente animados a asistir a un taller de un día para aprender las habilidades que necesitan para ser grandes líderes. Por favor, vengan a la Parroquia de San Marcos de 9am hasta las 4pm el 30 de Abril. Si necesita transporte, reuniremos en Sta. Sabina a las 8am y volveremos a las 5pm. No hay ningún costo para este día de entrenamiento pero vale la pena! Se proporcionará el almuerzo. Las hojas de permiso están disponibles en la página web de la parroquia.

Cena del Ensayo para la Confirmación

Nos reuniremos en el gimnasio a las 6:30pm el 10 de Mayo. Cada candidato varón y su padrino debería traer un postre que servirá a 12 personas. Cada candidata mujer y su padrino debería traer un plato de acompañamiento que servirá a 12 personas. La Oficina de la Juventud proporcionará la carne y bebidas para la cena. Se les pide a los padres como voluntarios para la recepción de la comida, mientras comenzamos el ensayo. Cenaremos después del ensayo en el gimnasio.

Misa de Confirmación—11 de Mayo

El Obispo Johnson ha pedido que todos los candidatos lleguen al gimnasio antes de las 5pm para que pueda reunirse con ustedes. La Oficina de la Juventud proporcionará snacks (sobras de la cena del ensayo). La Misa comenzará a las 7pm. Vamos a tener una recepción de pastel y ponche inmediatamente después de la Misa en el gimnasio.

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 <http://virtus.org>

Niños recibieron su primera comunión en la Misa de las 10:30 y de las 12:30 la semana pasada. Felicidades a todos!

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:

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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.

Desayuno para Maestros!

Nuestros maestros de la escuela de religión son el corazón y el alma de nuestra escuela, y queremos darles las gracias por todo el esfuerzo que hicieron el año pasado para enriquecer la vida de fe de todos los pequeños. Por favor, maestros, únase el 24 de Abril a las 8:15am para esta celebración en honor a USTEDES!



Información/Corresponsabilidad

Manos para Ayudar

Actualmente estamos buscando voluntarios para ayudar el Sábado 7 de Mayo. Los voluntarios ayudarán a otros feligreses con reparaciones menores y mantenimiento del jardín, tales como: pintar áreas pequeñas, el trabajo de canaletas, plomería sencilla, etc. Hojas para inscribirse como voluntario y más información están disponibles en el espacio de reunión.

Campaña Católica Anual 2016

Gracias a todos los que han contribuido a la Campaña Católica Anual 2016. **A partir del 4 de Abril 105 familias de Santa Sabina han contribuido con un total de \$ 15,583.00.** Por favor, contribuya generosamente a la Campaña Católica Anual 2016 (en los últimos años, la Campaña Anual del Obispo) "Bienaventurados los Misericordiosos" en apoyo de los programas y ministerios diocesanos y parroquiales. Visite en línea a www.kcsjgives.org para obtener más información o utilice el formulario disponible en el periódico Catholic Key.

Necesita Ayuda con su Hogar?

Estamos preparándonos para nuestro segundo día de trabajo del programa "Manos para Ayudar." Actualmente estamos aceptando solicitudes para los que necesitan reparaciones menores y mantenimiento del jardín, tales como: pintar (espacios pequeños), el trabajo del canal, plomería menor, etc. Las solicitudes y más información disponibles en el espacio de reunión. Si necesita ayuda con su hogar, por favor lea la información en el espacio de reunión.

Alcohólicos Anónimos

El Grupo Fe y Decisión se reúne cada Lunes, Miércoles, y Viernes de 7:00pm-8:30pm en esta dirección: 708 Main St., Grandview, MO. Para mas información, llame 816-721-0594 o 816-682-7210. Cree tener problemas con las bebidas alcohólicas? Venga, nosotros te podemos ayudar.

Pláticas Pre-Bautismales—14 de Mayo

Normalmente cada Segundo Sábado del mes de las 10 am a 1 pm (Sólo para Niños de 0-6 años) en la sala 3 de la ala de educación. Para niños mayores de 7 años se requerirá una formación especial.

PRÓXIMOS BAUTISMOS: llame a Kris al 816-979-3151. Favor de llenar su aplicación antes de asistir a las pláticas. **No se ofrece cuidado de niños.**

Clases de Ingles Como Segundo Idioma

Las clases de Inglés se ofrecerán cada Martes a las 7pm en el salón Juan Diego de la ala de educación.

Feria de Ministerios

La primavera se acerca y eso significa que estamos cerca de nuestros Domingos de Corresponsabilidad parroquiales. Este año, regresa nuestra Feria de Ministerios. Por favor planee asistir a la Feria después de las Misa el 30 de Abril y 1 de Mayo para aprender sobre las muchas oportunidades que ofrece nuestra parroquia para vivir un estilo de vida corresponsable.

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.



Cuentos Bilingües

La Biblioteca de Belton viene a Santa Sabina el segundo Jueves de cada mes para presentar la hora del cuento en Inglés y Español para niños en edad preescolar. Por favor planee unirse a nosotros el **12 de Mayo** a las 10am en el Salón Juan Diego en el Área de Educación. Por favor traiga un juguete para su niño.



Felicidades a Margarito y Maria Chavez, quienes celebraron 25 años de casado con una bendición especial.

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Horarios de Misa

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