

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 David and Laura Pierce, Michelle Rose, Sandy Katzer, Michael, Nicholas, and Calvin for your help in getting our community garden started last Saturday!

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**

Baptism Prep - September 8 at 7pm

Baptism Preparation Class is scheduled for Thursday, September 8th at 7pm in the conference room of the parish hall. To register for this class, please contact Kris at 816-979-3151 for a baptism application, or download one from our website at <http://stsabinaparish.org/sacraments/>.

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Intentions for August 29-September 2, 2016

Mon.	8am	COMMUNION SERVICE
Tues.	6pm	†Steve & Anna Schaefer and family
Wed.	8am	†Roger Storm
Thurs.	8am	†Terry Jewell
Friday	8am	†Robert J Lewis

Saturday, September 3, 2016

4:00pm †Mary Teresa Grosko

Sunday, September 4, 2016

8:00am	†Roger Storm
10:30am	†Joe Falco Sr
	Intentions of the Parish Family
12:30pm Spanish	Intenciones de Kimberly Arbizo Rocha

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

†Kathleen Morrisey, niece of Darlene Henderson

†Marvin Cohen, husband of Denise Ashby-Cohen

†Noah Park, infant son of Bailey Park



Calendar/Parish Happenings

Sunday, August 28 - Domingo, 28 de Agosto

Beans and Rice Drive

9:30am Summer Choir Practice

Monday, August 29 - Lunes, 29 de Agosto

5:30pm Marian Prayer Group

7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, August 30 - Martes, 30 de Agosto

1:30pm Adult Grief Recovery Group

7:00pm English as a Second Language
Inglés Como Segunda Lengua

Wednesday, August 31 - Miércoles, 31 de Agosto

9:00am Legion of Mary

6:00pm Cantor Rehearsal

7:00pm Talleres de Oración y Vida

Thursday, September 1 - Jueves, 1 de Septiembre

9:30am Quilters

7:00pm RCIA Picnic/Comida de RICA

7:00pm Ensayo - Obra de Guadalupe

8:00pm Choir Practice—8:00 group

Friday, September 2 - Viernes, 2 de Septiembre

5:00pm Wedding Rehearsal—Romero/Juarez

Saturday, September 3 - Sábado, 3 de Septiembre

Altar Society Sale

Beans and Rice Drive

1:00pm Wedding—Antonio Romero/Margarita Juarez

3:00pm Confessions

3:20pm Summer Choir Practice

Sunday, September 4 - Domingo, 4 de Septiembre

Altar Society Sale

Beans and Rice Drive

9:30am Summer Choir Practice

1:30pm Ensayo—Obra de Guadalupe

Knights Golf Tournament

Come play golf and join the fun at the Knights of Columbus 15th Annual Paul Vargo Golf Tournament at Eagles Landing Golf Course in Belton on Saturday, September 17th. It's only \$75.00, which includes green fees, cart, lunch, BBQ buffet dinner, golf prizes and contests. If you don't play golf, be a sponsor (\$25.00 cart or \$100.00 hole). All proceeds will benefit Missouri Special Olympics, St. Sabina Youth Ministry and Disabled U.S. Veterans. Last year we made \$4,000 and gave \$2,000 to Missouri Special Olympics, \$1,000 to St. Sabina Youth Ministry and \$1,000 to Lord of Love Community Meals. Please mail your check, payable to Knights of Columbus, for golf or sponsor to: Bob Coshun, 310 Monroe Ave., Belton, MO 64012. Questions, please call Bob at 816-304-0570. **Thanks in advance for your support!**

Foundations for Living Stones – A Faith Formation Program for Interested Adults

"Come to him, a living stone...chosen and precious in the sight of God, and, like living stones, let yourself be built into a spiritual house..."
(1 Peter 2:4-5)

St. Sabina, a Catholic faith community committed to total and lifelong faith formation, is offering an adult faith formation program titled, Foundations for Living Stones. The program explores in greater depth and knowledge the basics of our faith. All the sessions focus on the ministry that we are called to in and through our baptism. Communication skills, group development, leadership skills, Bible Study, church history, prayer and sacraments are some of the many areas explored and examined in depth. Adult methods of learning and reflection are employed throughout.

The sessions are scheduled on Tuesday evenings, from 7-9:30 PM, beginning in early September and ending in late May. This is a 9-month commitment to deepen one's skills and knowledge so as to become a more effective and engaged disciple and minister. We hope to work collaboratively with neighboring parishes, inviting them to be part of this mutual learning process. For a brochure or more information, please call or e-mail either Kris or Biagio at:

Biagio Mazza 816-979-3153; e-mail biagio@stsabinaparish.org
Kris Larkey 816-979-3151; e-mail kris@stsabinaparish.org



Parish Happenings and Information

Beans and Rice Collection

One of the gifts I'm grateful for is a place to call "home." Not just a roof over my head but a place where my family can grow, build memories, feel safe, and have what we need. How can I thank God for the blessing of my home? I thank Him by helping those who do not have a home, and doing what I can to make them and their families more comfortable by providing them with items that they need.

St. Sabina parishioners help people who don't have a steady home by holding a Beans and Rice Drive every fall. This year we will hold our collection on the **weekends of August 28th and September 4th**. We will collect beans, rice, and other dry or non-perishable foods, as well as the following special requests for this year:

- brown paper grocery sacks - we always need more of these than we have; we use 100-200 every Monday evening.

- t-shirts - all sizes

- bandanas

- baseball caps

- blue jeans for men and women

- sweatshirts, light jackets

(we'll be handing these out in late September as the weather begins to turn)

Several volunteers will take the donations to the Migrant Farmworkers Project in Lexington, MO on September 12, where they will distribute items to migrant families. This ministry is very important because the migrant families are constantly moving around the country, to wherever they can find work that time of year, and can only take the possessions that will fit in their car with them.

RCIA—Why Be Catholic?

The Catholic Church has consistently believed that God has a universal will and desire to save all people. Our God is the God of all people. God has initiated this love relationship with all creation and desires to bring all to fullness through total union with God for all eternity. Each one is called to union with God through the faith path and tradition that they feel God is leading them.

If this is so, then why be Catholic? One is Catholic, not because it is the only way to God, but because one feels attracted to the things that the Catholic tradition offers. One feels at home more in the Catholic tradition than in other faith traditions. The following list is meant to highlight some of those aspects of the Catholic tradition that have attracted others to it.

Catholics are not the only ones that value these qualities. Nor have we been consistent in following through on them. But, no matter the history, we seem to have held onto these values rather consistently.

See if these are values and attractions for you.

1. We affirm a belief in the goodness of all creation.
2. We have a universal sense of openness to all people and all cultures.
3. We affirm that we are all called to holiness.
4. We are committed to continual growth as persons.
5. We are challenged to change the world and society into the reign of God.
6. We are called to live in community.
7. We have historical roots and identity.
8. We respect reason, human knowledge and human exploration

If you or anyone you know would be attracted to these values, please share the information with them. Please fill out the contact information on the handout in the back of church and we will personally contact and invite all those interested to our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Meal which will be held on **Thursday, August 25th, 2016 at 6:00pm**.

Thank You from the Ragsdale Family

A big Thank You to Fr. Jeff, Fr. Curt, the staff, all of our parish family and friends for the support the past year, after our daughter's heart surgery, her cancer and stem cell transplant, Leona's surgery and cancer, and Sherman's heart attack. Thanks also for all of the cards, care and concern and especially the prayers.



Wedding Congratulations

Congratulations to Antonio Romero and Margarita Juarez who will be married on Saturday, September 3rd.



Baptism Congratulations

Alexandra Mejia Guzman, daughter of Jose Luis Mejia and Maria Guzman
Jose Humberto Flores, son of Jose Antonio Flores and Sandra Ruiz

Pastoral Care

Nursing Home Mass Schedule

Aug 31	8:00am	At St Sabina (5th Wednesday)
Sep 7	10:30am	Beautiful Savior
Sep 14	10:00am	Rehabilitation of Raymore

Ministry of Care - Called to share God's Love

On Saturday morning, September 24th we will offer a workshop for Extra-ordinary ministers of holy Communion to the sick and homebound. The workshop will be from 9am-12pm. For more information, or to register please contact Marta Roper in the parish office at 816-979-3154 or marta@stsabinaparish.org.

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.

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, ask Fr Jeff 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.

Prayer Requests/Peticiones de Oración

Felipe Abarca	Frances DiGeorge	Denise Mehlo
Dick Anthony	Butch Ford	Alice Miller
Belen Antillon	Fr. Paul Frank	Sherril Nevins
Dick Armstrong	Emily Frezza	Johnnie Nicholes
Marilyn Avalos	Dick Garnier	Jane Nouryeh
Suzie Ashbaugh	Antonio Garcia	Vicki Owen
Polleth Bautista	Wendy Gomez	Gary Palmer
Yesika Benavides	Tom Gudenkauf	Thelma Palmer
Sheryll Bentley	Connie Harper	Cynthia Peterman
John Bidondo	Jason Hart	Leona Ragsdale
Allie Biondo	Jeanette Hart	Sherman Ragsdale
Joe Birkenbach	Cherie Hatfield	Connie Read
David Bland	Laverne Harlow	Austin Richards
Carol Bland	Bart Henke	Patricia Smith
Yolanda Blanks	Rhonda K Henke	Noah Stanley
Mark Butler	Mabel Hopkins	Jean Tate
Hilda Burchett	Josie Johnson	Ruth Tayler
John Caoile	Kelly Jordon	Angel Thomas
Delfina Chavez	Ashley Junkunc	Daryl Vonderohe
Barbara Clark	Kelsey Krum	Bob Westfall
Steve Collier	Beverly Little	Mary Westfall
Joseph Coots	Jo Locke	Judy Wheeler
Donna Dailey	Dick Martin	Merle Woolworth
Paul DeMar	Dodie Maurer	Emy Yeater
Nolan Dickerson	Bob McDonald	Carmitia Yust
	Gloria McLaughlin	Pablo Zayas

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

Wellness Center

Sunshine and Your Bones

Your risk of developing rheumatoid arthritis, an autoimmune disease that causes the body to attack its own tissue, may be linked to your exposure to UVB rays, a type of UV light that can't fully penetrate glass, so you get adequate exposure outside only. In one Harvard study, women who had the highest exposure to UVB were at a 21 percent decreased risk of developing rheumatoid arthritis compared with women who had the lowest, possibly because vitamin D can help regulate the activity of immune cells and in the process, may prevent the body from turning on itself. Our summer is almost over, so take a little time to go out, soak up some rays and say "thank you sun for all of the health and happiness you bring to us."

Please call us to set up your annual biometric screening. We are here to support everyone's health and wellness!
816-979-3090

Wellness Center Class Schedule

Monday:	Intermediate Yoga 1-2pm Gentle Yoga 2-3pm Yoga 6-7pm
Tuesday:	Stretch & Strength1-2pm 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:	Intermediate Yoga 1-2pm Gentle Yoga 2-3pm
Saturday:	CLOSED



Area Information

St. Bernadette Annual Fall Festival 5-9 pm, Sept 10.

Music by Harvest Moon, BBQ dinner, Cash Raffle, Bingo, Cake Walk, and new surprises

Come join us at the 4 pm Mass and stay for the festival.

St. Bernadette Church, 9020 E 51 Terr, Kansas City, MO (816) 356-3700.

St. Regis Athletics Program



St. Regis Athletics Board would like to offer the opportunity for any families with children in 1st through 8th grade, from parishes in the diocese, to participate in the Kansas City Parochial League Athletics Association. We offer competitive pricing, experienced coaching staff, and a great opportunity for fun and growth. In order for your child to

be eligible to participate, he/she must be registered and be in attendance of at least 75% of the classes at the Parish School of Religion. Please bring verification from the Director of your Parish School of Religion when you sign up for a sport.

We currently offer:

FALL SPORTS – Football and Volleyball

Girls Volleyball - 3rd through 8th grade

Tackle Football - 3rd through 8th grade /Eastland

Catholic Football Team

Flag Football - 1st through 2nd

WINTER SPORTS - Basketball

Basketball Coed teams - Kindergarten through 2nd

Boys Basketball - 3rd through 8th grade

Girls Basketball - 3rd through 8th grade

SPRING SPORTS - Track - 3rd through 8th grade

Spring and Fall Recreation Soccer is available through the Brookside Soccer Club. The program is based around the Catholic schools in Kansas City, but isn't officially affiliated with the Diocese. St. Regis has been a part of this program for many years and has a number of teams and players in the league each season.

For more information about any of our programs, please contact St. Regis school office at (816)763-5837 or:

Ryan Scarborough/Athletic Director - (816)719-1076

Tim Burdick/Football Director - (816)679-0303

Nicole Sanders/Volleyball Director - (816)500-0393

happy birthday

Melissa Adams	Irving Garzon	Shelbi Lynn
Isabella Alonzo	Kay Glaser	Nicole Mackay
Alejandro Andrade	Emma Gomez	Riley McCrackin
Samuel Angel	Adaluz Gonzalez	Eugene McEwen
Carmina Arroyo	Yesenia Gonzalez	Cathy Meiners
Juana Arroyo	Paulina Gracida	Jose Mejia
Lawrence Barberis	Jacob Gudenkauf	Isabel Mendez
Aiden Bittiker	Thomas Gudenkauf	Camrie Minkler
Blanca Bonilla	Dylan Hadley	Jacqueline Olvera
Teresa Cable	Matthew Hille	Andres Orozco
Luis Caldera	Eduardo Hinojos	Sonia Park
Kevin Canchola	Lori Hoy	Rowan Putman
Daniel Capper	Alexia Jaime	John Ranes
Jesus Chavez	Darlene Jennings	Kelly Ranes
Olivia Cook	Jim Jursch	Sean Regnier
Donald Cummings	Dwayne Katzer	Augustin Reyes
Cheryl Dennis	Dallas Keaton	Rosita Reyes
Addison Earhart	Dorothy Knoll	Cesar Rodriguez
Herman Escobar	Eric Knoll	Flor Salinas
Anna Ewbank	Daniel Landaverde	Ronnie Sandoval
Raul Felix	Jesus Lagunes	Jerome Scego
Ed Fenske	Jose Lagunes	Patrick Sowers
Jerry Folz	Tamera Lehner	Carolyn Squires
Rose Foster	Justin Lingenfeller	Hortensia Vazquez
Debra Garcia	James Loosen	Gerardo Venzor
Jesus Garcia	Alyson Lopez	Kevin Xalandra
Oscar Garcia	Juan Lopez	

Happy Anniversary

Faitce and Lucille Swafford	58 Years!	08-30-1958
Eugene and Jan Adams	54 Years!	09-01-1962
Bob and Mary Kottenbrock	53 Years!	08-31-1963
Robert and Christine Morris	43 Years!	09-02-1973
Monte and Pamela Crosby	35 Years!	08-29-1981
Tim and Jean Hanover	32 Years!	08-31-1984
Jay and Beverly Renfro	25 Years!	09-01-1991
Chris and Christine Figge	20 Years!	08-31-1996
Robert and Victoria Lynn	17 Years!	09-04-1999
Gary and Kristi Schumacher	16 Years!	09-02-2000
Fredric and Megan Loveless	15 Years!	09-01-2001
Jason and Danielle Weeks	12 Years!	09-04-2004
Polo Gonzalez and Belem Camacho	7 Years!	08-29-2009
Teodulo and Dolores Aguilar	5 Years!	09-04-2011
Lonnie and Patricia Schieszer	2 Years!	08-29-2014

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 August 28th.



Harvesters! This local food bank provides food to needy families around the KC area. Volunteers are needed to help sort food donations and pack weekend food bags for kids in our community. We will be taking a group of 5 people on the third Thursday of each month. Our next date is September 15, 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 September 21. Contact Berenice Zayas in the parish office for more information or to sign up. Phone: 816-979-3150 or email: berenice@stsabinaparish.org.

PSR Teachers Meeting!

All teachers are invited to a brief meeting to review the upcoming school year and see what changes we will be doing to improve our program. Please attend August 28th, 9-10:10am in English and 11am-12:10pm in Spanish.

Peer Ministers!

All are invited to a planning session for our upcoming school year. If you have any amazing ideas for a meeting or small ideas that need help, bring them!! We will meet on September 11th at 2:30pm. Plan to be here for at least 2 hours.



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:

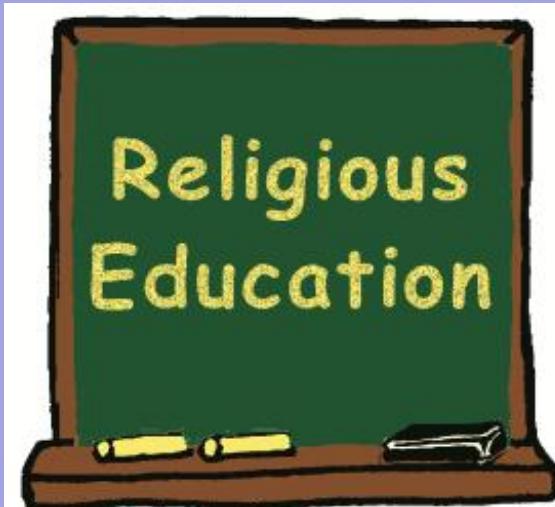
1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult 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://kcsjcatholic.org/the-office-of-child-and-youth-protection/>

Parish School of Religion (PSR)

The next PSR school year will begin on Sunday, September 18. PSR registration forms are available in the gathering space and on the parish website.



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Stewardship

August 21 Contributions

Envelopes/Sobres:	\$12,217.29
Plate/Canasta:	\$ 994.77
Maintenance-Upkeep:	\$ 700.00
Diocesan Life and Justice	\$ 1,683.68

Christmas in October - Oct 8

This year the Christmas in October workday will be held on Saturday, October 8th. If you are interested in participating, please contact John Ryan at rayncows@aol.com or sign up in the gathering space. It is very helpful for John to know in advance how many helpers we will have so he can determine how many houses our parish volunteers will be able to help with.

Consider Joining Music Ministry:

Music is something that really has an effect on the way we feel. You know what I mean, you have been somewhere and heard that certain song that really seemed to lift your spirits, bring you comfort or make an event more joyful. When we pray with song at Mass it deepens our experience of prayer in the same way. That's why we need you. You are invited to share that feeling with our parish by joining one of our music groups. And here is the great thing—you don't have to be an expert.

That is usually the first thing I hear when I speak with someone about joining a parish choir, "Well I don't have a professional voice." Most of us don't. That's not what we need. Of course we will never turn down an interested person who has a great deal of musical experience. But frankly, those folks aren't pounding down the doors. What we need is you. You love God. You enjoy coming to Mass because it touches you, feeds you. You have a sense of how music affects your feelings. The rest of it—the music stuff—you will learn along the way.

We are seeking singers and those with instrumental experience of all ages. Hey you high school band & choir members out there, I'm talking to you, too! It would be great to have one of you playing flute, clarinet, violin, cello or trumpet on occasion at Mass! You may choose to become involved at any Mass. Practice for the 4:00 and 10:30 Masses is on Wednesdays at 7:00 in the music room of church. The first practice of the season is Wednesday, September 7. The 8:00 Mass choir practices every other Thursday evening. Even if you can't be there every week, come when you can.

Most choir members come to think of choir as a sort of small Christian Community, an extended family, because we share so much together over the years. So how about it? Why not come and try it out? I guarantee you will feel like you gain more than you invest. For more information please contact Susan Ratigan in the parish office.

El Salvador Scholarship Student, Jhoselyn

Jhoselyn Guadalupe Rivas Gonzalez lives in Cinquera. She is 19 years old and she attends the Catholic University of El Salvador, majoring in English. She entered the scholarship program in 2016, but she is actually in the 2nd year level of study. She is expected to graduate in 2020.

Jhoselyn has classes Mondays and Fridays from 1:10pm-4:50pm, and on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10:40am-4:50pm.

Jhoselyn's family makes its living by farming. Her home is built of a cement blocks with a toilet. The family has access to potable water and the house has electricity.



"My child, conduct your affairs with humility, and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts. Humble yourself the more, the greater you are, and you will find favor with God."

Sirach 3: 17-18

The good steward realizes that he or she receives everything from a loving and generous God. That can be a humbling recognition. "True humility is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less," is how the eminent author and theologian C.S. Lewis put it. We are important in the eyes of God. Jesus emptied Himself in our behalf. He was humility incarnate. Washing the feet of His Apostles, He comes to us at every Mass in common bread and wine. If we practice and pursue stewardship as a way of life, we choose to let others be more important; we are not controlling; we support others in silent ways. Are you willing to let God take charge of your life? Being a steward means that. That is the message from Sirach, and it is a message given us by Jesus over and over.— See more at www.catholicsteward.com/blog/

Reflection on the Readings



The responsorial psalm and refrain capture well the message of this Sunday's readings. Responsorial Psalm 68 resounds with the refrain that "God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor." Our God is a God concerned for the poor, the outcast, the foreigner, the widow, and the orphan. The emphasis on

God making a home for the poor is a rich image portraying God's care and concern. Today, both individually and as a community, we are challenged to be and act like our God.

How concerned are we for the poor, the outcast, the foreigner, the widow, and the orphan? How attuned are we to the need of the immigrant and the stranger who live among us, no matter how they got here? The scripture readings give us guidelines on how we can grow in our efforts to model ourselves on our God who shows care and concern for all, especially the poor and the outcasts.

Luke's gospel recounts a passage that involves two parables, the first is directed at guests invited to a banquet, while the second is aimed at the host of the banquet. Both are admonished to be and to act humbly. Humility does not mean putting oneself down or not considering oneself worthy of anything. Rather humility is linked closely to knowledge of self that leads to wisdom. What is the knowledge that leads to wisdom? Luke and the first reading from Sirach suggest that true wisdom lies in knowing that God is the giver of all gifts and that we are merely stewards who are challenged to act responsibly with all that God has given us.

If we have been blessed in life with wealth, possessions or other forms of riches, then true wisdom would require our acknowledgment that all we have has its source in a God who is concerned not only with us but with the poor as well. If we are to be God-like, we are to use what we have been given by God, not to please others who can repay us in kind, but rather to attend to the needs of those who will never be able to

return the favor. As a guest, true wisdom requires not that I claim the best for myself, but rather that I be attuned to others who may need something more than I do, desiring nothing but the best for them, and working to make that happen. This is what God requires of us all, that we pay attention to the needs of others as we attend to our own needs.

The biblical principle of justice and right relationship demands that we take what we need for our own sustenance. It challenges each one of us to discern how much we truly need. Once we have discerned this, then the rest is shared with others so that they too can have what they truly need for their own sustenance. If we attempt to do this with all of life, then we will be people who model themselves on our loving God who consistently manifests love and concern for all, especially the poor.

The second reading from the letter to the Hebrews tells us that our God is not unapproachable. Through Jesus we have confidence and boldness to approach God in humility and joy. Jesus enables us to draw near to God and to learn how God desires us to live. Our baptismal call challenges us to grow in God's wisdom. Growing in God's wisdom should dominate our lives in relationship to God, self and others. Such wisdom ultimately leads to justice for all, for our God is a God much attuned to justice.

Reflect on how you respond to the challenge of our baptismal call to grow in God's wisdom. Work towards making God's wisdom the source of true wisdom in your own life. Secure in that wisdom, work on leading lives of justice, striving to radiate justice wisdom to all you come into contact, most especially the poor the needy and the immigrant.

Biagio Mazza, Pastoral Associate

Readings



Sunday, August 28

1st Reading: Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29
Psalm: Psalm 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11 (see 11b)
2nd Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a
Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Sunday, September 4

1st Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18b
Psalm: Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 (1)
2nd Reading: Philemon 9-10, 12-17
Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

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 August 28th and September 11th at 10:30am.** All are welcome. Bring a Bible and a friend. To register for these sessions, please call Biagio at 816-979-3153.



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Reflexión Sobre las Lecturas



énfasis de Dios preparando un hogar para los pobres es una imagen rica que retrata la atención y preocupación de Dios. Hoy en día, tanto a nivel individual y como comunidad, estamos llamados a ser y actuar como nuestro Dios.

¿Cuánto nos preocupan los pobres, los marginados, el extranjero, la viuda y el huérfano? ¿Qué tanto estamos en sintonía con las necesidades de los inmigrantes y el extranjero que vive entre nosotros, sin importar cómo llegaron aquí? Las lecturas de las Escrituras nos dan guías sobre cómo podemos crecer en nuestros esfuerzos para modelar a nosotros mismos en nuestro Dios que tiene la atención y preocupación por todos, especialmente los pobres y marginados.

El Evangelio de Lucas relata un pasaje que implica dos parábolas, la primera se dirige a los invitados de un banquete, mientras que el segundo está dirigido al anfitrión del banquete. Ambos están aconsejados a ser y actuar con humildad. La humildad no significa menospreciarse o no considerarse a sí mismo digno de cualquier cosa. Más bien la humildad está ligada estrechamente al conocimiento de sí mismo que puede resultar en la sabiduría. ¿Cuál es el conocimiento que resulta en la sabiduría? Lucas y la primera lectura del Eclesiástico sugieren que la verdadera sabiduría consiste en saber que Dios es el dador de todo y que no somos más que administradores, retados a actuar de manera responsable con todo lo que Dios nos ha dado.

Si hemos sido bendecidos en la vida con la riqueza, posesiones u otras formas de riqueza, entonces, la verdadera sabiduría requeriría nuestro reconocimiento de que todo lo que tenemos tiene su origen en un Dios que se preocupa no sólo por nosotros, sino por los pobres también. Si vamos ser como Dios, vamos a utilizar lo que se nos ha dado Dios, no para complacer a otros que nos pueden pagar en bondad, sino para atender las necesidades de aquellos que nunca será capaz de devolver el favor. Como huésped, la verdadera sabiduría no requiere que reclamo lo mejor para mí mismo, sino más bien que estar en sintonía con otras personas que puedan necesitar algo más que yo,

deseando nada más que lo mejor para ellos, y trabajando para que esto suceda. Esto es lo que Dios requiere de todos nosotros, que se presta atención a las necesidades de los demás mientras que atendemos a nuestras propias necesidades.

El principio bíblico de la justicia y la relación correcta exige que tomamos lo que necesitamos para nuestro propio sustento. Nos reta a cada uno de nosotros a discernir lo que realmente necesitamos. Una vez que hemos discernido esto, se comparte lo demás con otros para que ellos también pueden tener lo que realmente necesitan para su propio sustento. Si tratamos de hacer esto con toda la vida, entonces seremos personas que nos formaremos según nuestro Dios amoroso que se manifiesta constantemente el amor y la preocupación por todos, especialmente los pobres.

La segunda lectura de la carta a los Hebreos nos dice que nuestro Dios no es inaccesible. Por medio de Jesús tenemos la confianza y la audacia de acercarnos a Dios con humildad y alegría. Jesús nos permite acercarnos a Dios y aprender cómo Dios desea que vivamos. Nuestro llamado bautismal nos desafía a crecer en la sabiduría de Dios. Crecer en la sabiduría de Dios debe dominar nuestra vida en relación con Dios, consigo mismo y con los demás. Tal sabiduría últimamente resulta en la justicia para todos, porque nuestro Dios es un Dios en mucha sintonía con la justicia.

Reflexione sobre cómo responde al desafío de nuestro llamado bautismal a crecer en la sabiduría de Dios. Trabaje para que la sabiduría de Dios sea la fuente de la verdadera sabiduría en su propia vida. Seguro en esta sabiduría, trabaje para que llevan una vida de justicia, tratando de irradiar la sabiduría de la justicia a todos en los que entran en contacto, especialmente a los pobres, los necesitados y los inmigrantes.

**Biagio Mazza
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Lecturas



Lecturas del Domingo, 28 de Agosto

Primera Lectura: Eclesiástico 3:19-21, 30-31

Salmo: Salmo 68:4-5ac, 6-7ab, 10-11

Segunda Lectura: Hebreos 12:18-19, 22-24

Evangelio: Lucas 14:1, 7-14

Lecturas del Domingo, 4 de Septiembre

Primera Lectura: Sabiduría 9:13-19

Salmo: Salmo 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 y 17

Segunda Lectura: Filemón 9-10, 12-17

Evangelio: Lucas 14:25-33

Ministerio Juvenil/Información Local

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- Quizá nosotros podemos ayudarte solo necesitas asistir a reuniones de información (asistencia e información anónima).
- Recuerda que el alcoholismo es una enfermedad como cualquier otra. No es un vicio y afecta hombres y mujeres, no distingue edad ni condición social, no tenemos porque sentir vergüenza.
- Mayores informes en los teléfonos 913-206-1291, 816-721-0594, o 816-433-0675 en horarios de 9am - 6pm de lunes a sábado.

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- 1) Llame a línea directa de Abuso Infantil en Missouri al 1.800.392.3738 (si la víctima tiene menos de 18 años de edad), y
- 2) Póngase en contacto con su departamento de policía local o llame al 911, y
- 3) Después de informarle a las autoridades de la orden civil y de leyes, reporte el abuso sexual del menor o del adulto vulnerable 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://kcsjcatholic.org/the-office-of-child-and-youth-protection/>



Educación

Religiosa

Clases de Catecismo!

Las clases de Catecismo comenzarán el Domingo, 18 de Septiembre. Hojas para registrar están disponibles en el espacio de reunión, en la oficina y en la página web de la parroquia.

Ministros Jóvenes!

Todos están invitados a una sesión de planificación para nuestro próximo año escolar. Si tiene algunas ideas sorprendentes para una reunión o pequeñas ideas que necesitan ayuda, tráelolas!! Nos reuniremos el 11 de septiembre a las 2:30 pm. Planea estar aquí por lo menos 2 horas.



Corresponsabilidad/Información Parroquial

Verdaderos Ganadores

No tienes que hacer esta pequeña prueba. Sólo léela, pero sin mirar las respuestas. Menciona:

1. Las cinco personas más ricas del mundo.
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6. Los ganadores de la Serie Mundial durante la última década.

¿Cómo te fue? El caso es que ninguno de nosotros se acuerda de los que hicieron noticia en el pasado, pues el aplauso, los premios y los logros se olvidan. Aquí tienes otra prueba. Menciona los siguientes:

1. Los cuatro maestros que más te ayudaron durante tus tiempos escolares.
2. Tres amigos que te ayudaron durante un tiempo difícil.
3. Cuatro personas que te han enseñado algo que vale la pena.
4. Seis personas que te han hecho sentir amado y apreciado.
5. Cinco personas que les gusta pasar tiempo contigo.
6. Seis santos o santas, héroes o heroínas que te han

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La Iglesia Católica ha creído consistentemente que Dios tiene una voluntad y deseo universal de salvar a la humanidad. Nuestro Dios es el Dios de todas las personas. Dios ha puesto en marcha esta relación de amor con toda la creación y desea llevar a todos a la plenitud a través de una unión total con Dios por toda la eternidad. Cada uno está llamado a la unión con Dios a través del camino de la fe y la tradición a que se sienten que Dios les está guiando.

Si esto es así, entonces ¿por qué ser católico? Uno es católico, no porque es el único camino a Dios, sino porque uno se siente atraído a las cosas que ofrece la tradición católica. Uno se siente más en casa en la tradición católica que en otras tradiciones de fe. Los católicos no son los únicos que valoran estas cualidades. Tampoco hemos sido consistentes en regirnos por ellos. Pero, independientemente de la historia, parece que nos hemos aferrado a estos valores de forma bastante consistente.

A ver si esta lista se trata de valores y puntos de interés para usted.

1. Afirmamos una creencia en la bondad de toda la creación.
2. Tenemos un sentido universal de la aceptación de

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¿Fue más fácil? Las personas que marcan una diferencia en nuestra vida son las que nos demuestran su cariño. Sus acciones pesan tanto como sus palabras.

La Corresponsabilidad Vivida Ahora

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3. Afirmamos que todos estamos llamados a la santidad.
4. Estamos comprometidos con un continuo crecimiento como personas.
5. Tenemos el desafío de cambiar el mundo y la sociedad en el reino de Dios.
6. Estamos llamados a vivir en comunidad.
7. Tenemos una identidad y raíces históricas.
8. Respetamos la razón, el conocimiento humano y la exploración humana.

Si usted o alguien que conoce se verían atraídos a estos valores, por favor, comparta la información con ellos. Por favor llene la hoja en el espacio de reunión y nosotros estaremos en contacto para invitarles a todas las personas interesadas a una comida RICA (Rito de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos) **el jueves, 25 de agosto a las 6:00pm**.

Pláticas Pre-Bautismales- 10 de Septiembre

Normalmente cada Sábado Segundo de 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.

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