

# Saint Sabina Catholic Church

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



Pictured are Mary Kottenbrock, Joyce Callahan, and Dick Bell at the Over 55 Christmas Luncheon on December 15th.

## Mass Times

**Saturday:** 4:00pm in English

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

**Confessions:** Saturdays, 3:00-3:30pm

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

Recycle your old,  
non-working  
Christmas lights!

The St. Sabina Green Team is offering 1 more opportunity for parishioners to recycle their old Christmas lights again this year:

January 7/8

El Equipo de Ecología de Sta. Sabina está ofreciendo 1 oportunidad más, otra vez este año, para que los feligreses puedan reciclar sus luces navideñas descompuestas:

7/8 de Enero

Recicle sus luces  
navideñas  
descompuestas!

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## Intentions for January 2-6, 2017

Mon.	NO MASS
Tues.	6pm †Barbara Burdick
Wed.	10:30am †Chris Hirt (Beautiful Savior)
Thurs.	8am †Elwood Link
Fri.	8am †Elmer Price

## Saturday, January 7, 2017

4:00pm Intentions of the Parish Family

## Sunday, January 8, 2017

8:00am	†Ernest Garnier
10:30am	In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony
12:30pm Spanish	†Aaron Velez

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

† **Bob Westfall**, husband of Mary Westfall

† **Bob McDonald**, husband of Judy McDonald

† **Ricardo Lopez**, nephew of Gil Hernandez

† **Chris Hirt**, son of George and Norma Hirt



# Calendar/Parish Information

## Sunday, January 1 - Domingo, 1 de Enero

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

New Year's Day

## Monday, January 2 - Lunes, 2 de Enero

Parish Office Closed

5:30pm Marian Prayer Group

## Tuesday, January 3 - Martes, 3 de Enero

7:00am Youth Prayer Group

## Wednesday, January 4 - Miércoles, 4 de Enero

9:00am Legion of Mary

10:30am Mass at Beautiful Savior

7:00pm Choir Practice (4:00 and 10:30 groups)

7:00pm Junior High Youth Group

7:00pm Knights Business Meeting

## Thursday, January 5 - Jueves, 5 de Enero

9:30am Quilters

7:00pm RCIA/RICA

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

## Friday, January 6 - Viernes, 6 de Enero

8:30am Adoration

## Saturday, January 7 - Sábado, 7 de Enero

Christmas Light Recycle

3:00pm Confessions

5:00pm Wedding—Juan Pablo Alas/Maria Delgado

## Sunday, January 8 - Domingo, 8 de Enero

Christmas Light Recycle

8:00am Blood Drive

9:00am PSR/Parents Lounge

11:00am Escuela de Religión

1:00pm Search Team Meeting

1:30pm Celebración de los Tres Reyes

7:00pm High School and Confirmation

## Getting to Know Your Faith

This year, the St. Sabina Adult Faith Formation Team is offering a series called "Getting to Know Your Faith." Many Catholics see the need for growing in their faith by exploring the richness of the tradition and wisdom that has been handed down to us from those who have gone before us. Taking seriously Vatican II's call to form people into "full, conscious and active" participants in their faith lives, we are offering these sessions to provide another avenue of continued growth in our faith.

Every third Monday of the month, from 7-8:30 PM, we will explore a different topic together that will help us in getting to know our faith better. We will not meet in December and our January session will be on the fourth Monday. The next sessions will be:

Jan 23, 2017— Dialing Down the Heat (on Climate Change), co-sponsored by the St. Sabina Green Team

Jan 24, 2017, 10-11:30am—Dialing Down the Heat (repeated)

The sessions will be facilitated by Biagio Mazza, Pastoral Associate of St. Sabina Parish. To register, please contact Biagio either by phone at 816-979-3153 or by e-mail at [biagio@stsabinaparish.org](mailto:biagio@stsabinaparish.org).

## Parish Office Closed

The parish office will be closed on Monday, January 2nd. Fr. Jeff and the parish staff wish you and your families a Happy New Year!

## Blood Drive—January 8th

Blood and its components can be used to assist with many medical procedures. People who have been in car accidents and have suffered massive blood loss may require transfusions of more than 50 pints of red blood cells. Cancer, transplant, trauma and open-heart surgery patients require platelet transfusions to survive.

Please share your gift of life with local hospital patients who need it by donating at the next Community Blood Center blood drive.

The blood drive will be held in the St. Sabina Gym on Sunday, January 8, 8am-1pm. To make an appointment online, visit [esavealifenow.org](http://esavealifenow.org) and use Sponsor Code: **saintsabina**. For additional details contact Michael Dailey at 816-853-8386.



# Parish Happenings and Information



## Community Garden Raffle

Congratulations to Brandi Wiatrek who won the picture of Pope Saint John Paul II. Thanks to all who bought raffle tickets and helped raise money for seeds, plants and supplies for spring planting!

## Jesus' Infancy Narratives: Those in the Bible and Those from Other Gospels

Tuesday Evenings, – January 10, 17, 24 and 31, 2017 ~ 7-9PM

Repeated on Wednesday Mornings – January 11, 18, 25, and Feb 1, 2017 ~ 10 AM to Noon

Biagio will examine and explore the infancy stories of Jesus from the bible and from various other gospels not in the bible. Sign up sheets and more information are in the gathering space and on our website. Come, bring a friend and let us learn together the stories concerning Jesus' early life.



## Ecumenical Prayer Service on January 16, 2017 at 7 PM at St. Sabina

January 18-25, 2017 is the annual observance of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The theme chosen for 2017 is Reconciliation – The Love of Christ Compels Us (2 Corinthians 5:14-20). Throughout 2017, as we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, join Christians everywhere in praying "that they may all be one" joining our prayer with that of the Lord Jesus Christ. Plan to join us on Monday January 16 at 7 PM as we all pray for Christian Unity.



*Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped make our church beautiful for Christmas!*

## Green Team Tip of the Week

Consider investing in companies that match your values. Learn more about Socially Responsible Investing at <http://www.ussif.org/sribasics>

# Parish Happenings and Information

## Annulment Information

### Can a divorced Catholic receive the sacraments?

Yes. There is nothing in itself that prevents a divorced Catholic from receiving the Eucharist and other sacraments of the Church. A divorced person is fully and completely a member of the Church.

### Does that mean that a divorced Catholic remarried outside the Church may receive Communion?

No. A Catholic who remarries without a declaration of invalidity for any prior marriage may not receive Communion, since the reception of Communion is a public statement to the faith community that one adheres to the laws of the Church. If a Catholic is not remarried according to Church law, this would be a contradiction. Also, until an annulment is received, a remarried Catholic can not be a Eucharistic Minister. However, they can serve in other ministries. Pope Francis states in his apostolic exhortation, Amoris Laetitia, that "the baptized who are divorced and civilly remarried need to be more fully integrated into Christian communities...to realize that they belong to the Church as the body of Christ, but also to know that they can have a joyful and fruitful experience in it. They are baptized; they are brothers and sisters; the Holy Spirit pours into their hearts gifts and talents for the good of all."

### What is a Marriage Tribunal?

A Marriage Tribunal is a diocesan office staffed by persons who are appointed by the Bishop and who have received special education and preparation to represent the Bishop and the faith community in Church proceedings for marriage cases.

### What is the purpose of the Marriage Tribunal?

The Marriage Tribunal helps divorced people who ask for an investigation of the binding nature of their prior marriages. After gathering as much information as possible, the judge makes a human decision in the name of the Church community as to whether the couple is still bound to the former marriage or may be free to enter into another marital relationship. The twofold ministry of the Marriage Tribunal involves protecting the exercise of rights given in Church law for those seeking closure or possible remarriage in the Catholic Church, and helping them experience healing and reconciliation with their faith community.

### How do I begin the annulment process?

Those seeking information about an annulment can call Kris in the parish office. She is a trained advocate and can walk you through the process. You can reach Kris at 816-979-3151 or [kris@stsabinaparish.org](mailto:kris@stsabinaparish.org).



Joana Alvarez	Fernando Gutierrez	Santiago Orozco
Scott Anderson	Caroline Henkhaus	Ana Palomares
Marielle Arnold	Josue Hinojos	Itzel Perez
Kevin Arrenas	Yamilet Huerta	Michele Pinkowski
Alexander Arreola	Thomas Iseman	Liliana Pinon
Tania Becerra	Isabel Jaimes	Josafat Placencia
Ramona Benitez	Claude Jewell	Diana Ramirez
Michael Biondo	Kathy Kratofil	Girolama Randazzo
Gary Braley	Julie Lafata	Reyna Razo
Elizabeth Breier	Susan Lager	Eliceo Rocha
Devin Burgin	Robert Lang	Luis Rocha
Maria Candia	Alvina Lopez	Francisco Rodriguez
Candido Cano	Graciela Lopez	Mercedes Rosa
Margie Castonguay	Marina Lopez	Kevin Rosas
Anthony Cedillo	Mark Lopez	Yareli Sanjuan
Melissa Coleman	Tauania Lopez	Conner Scott
Juvenal Duarte	Hailey Lueckenotto	Kurt Shatford
Enrique Esparza	Shelby Lueckenotto	Patty Smith
Cezar Franco	Jennifer Mackinnon	Larry Spencer
Miguel Fuentes	Nancy Meiron	Bethany Stoverink
Stephen Gaither	Sarah Mendiola	Maria Toledo
Nancy Gallardo	Argentina Meza-Dubón	Jesus Torres
Maria Garcia	Melanie Miller	Rosa Torres
Zaira Gomez	Joshua Moore	Jose Valenzuela
Axel Gonzalez	Eliseo Mora	Leopolda Vasquez Jimenez
Maria Gonzalez de Medina	Joel Munoz	Janet Villalobos
Yolanda Gonzalez	Brian Niemeyer	Rosa Villegas
Abigail Grantham	Lori Overhaug	Terrance Wartell
Marie Graves		Mary Weber



William and Bonnie Becker	51 Years!	01-08-1966
Alfonso and Mercedes Monroy	41 Years!	01-05-1976
Tom and Mary Stout	39 Years!	01-07-1978
Louis and Sue Scaccia	36 Years!	01-03-1981
Jesús and Rosa Torres	26 Years!	01-05-1991
Jaime and Mercedes Becerra	19 Years!	01-03-1998
Dennis and Nancy Dalton	16 Years!	01-06-2001
Ruben Oropeza and Hortensia Vazquez	14 Years!	01-06-2003
Derek and Sarah Noble	3 Years!	01-04-2014
Richard and Jean Rieder	2 Years!	01-03-2015



# Pastoral Care

## Nursing Home Mass Schedule

Jan 4	10:30am	Beautiful Savior
Jan 11	10:00am	Rehabilitation of Raymore
Jan 18	10:00am	Foxwood Springs

## "Coping with Life Alone"

Is a Beginning Experience peer to peer grief support group that meets once a week for 7 weeks. This program helps those who have lost a love relationship due to divorce, separation or death move through the experience of grief and loss into a future with renewed hope. The sessions focus on topics of the grief process, changes in family and other relationships, trust, and coping with memories. The next session will be held at St. John Francis Regis Parish , KCMO on Sunday afternoons from Jan 8—Feb 19, 2017. For more information or to register contact Donna at 816-305-3760.

## 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 of 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.

## Prayer Requests/Peticiones de Oración

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

## Wellness Center

### New Year's Resolutions

Day 1 of the new year may seem the perfect time for a fresh start, but let's face it: After a season of indulgence, going cold turkey on anything is iffy at best. "It's hard to avoid temptation in January," says Oklahoma State University social psychologist Melissa Burkley, PhD. "There's usually too much food and alcohol left over from the holidays." Here is the first installment of Burkley's more realistic three-month plan:

**JANUARY: THE WARM-UP-** Too often, people fail to build in a prep period when they set goals. It's hard to begin a successful diet if you haven't removed foods that may trigger you to overeat. Spending a week or two ramping up for a new behavior will signal to your brain, Hey, it's time to make a change! You should also use this time to write down your resolutions. It's also a great time to find out the "why" of your behaviors. Do you overeat out of boredom? Have you never been an active person? Choosing healthier behaviors starts with more self-awareness, then you can start making real, lasting change.

### Wellness Center Class Schedule

<b>Monday:</b>	Intermediate Yoga 1-2pm Gentle Yoga 2-3pm Yoga 6-7pm
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Stretch & Strength 1-2pm Gentle Stretch & Strength 2-3pm
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Intermediate Yoga 1-2pm Gentle Yoga 2-3pm Strength & Restore 6-7pm
<b>Thursday:</b>	Stretch & Strength 1-2pm Gentle Stretch & Strength 2-3pm Circuit Training 6-7pm Intermediate Yoga 1-2pm Gentle Yoga 2-3pm
<b>Friday:</b>	



We offer supportive health and wellness coaching. Give us a call to set up an appointment and get 2017 started right!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

# 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 January 23rd.



**Harvesters!** This local food bank provides food to needy families around the KC area. Volunteers are needed to help sort food donations and pack weekend food bags for kids in our community. We will be taking a group of 5 people on the third Thursday of each month. Our next date is January 19th, 6-8pm. If you would like to volunteer, call or email Kirstie in the Youth Office.

**Community Meals** Lord of Love Lutheran Church offers a free meal to the community each Wednesday. Every third Wednesday of the month St. Sabina volunteers help prepare, serve and clean up in an effort to work together with other Christians to carry out Christ's work. Our next volunteer date is January 18th. Contact Berenice Zayas in the parish office for more information or to sign up. Phone: 816-979-3150 or email: berenice@stsabinaparish.org.

### PSR News

There will be no PSR classes on January 1st. Classes will resume on January 8th. Happy New Year!!

### First Reconciliation Service

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

### Search Team Meetings

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

### Child Safety

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Jenifer Valenti, at 816.812.2500 or JeniferValenti@att.net, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Victim Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011 or chastain@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

*All volunteers with youth and children must attend one Protecting God's Children workshop, submit to a background check and sign the policy on Ethics and Integrity in Ministry, (EIM). More info at <https://kcsjcatholic.org/the-office-of-child-and-youth-protection/>*

### Junior High Youth!

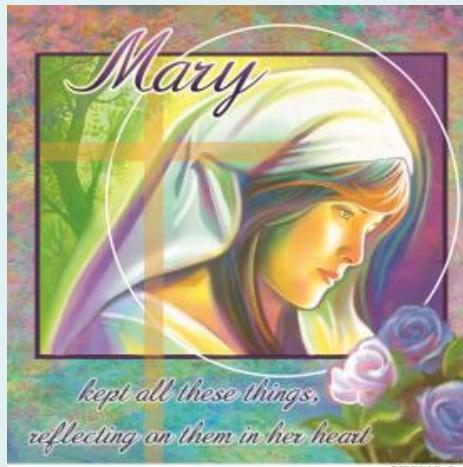
Your next meetings will be January 4th and 18th at 7pm.

### Junior High Sports Lock In!

On January 14th our 7th and 8th graders are invited to attend an overnight lock in at Legacy Park in Lee's Summit. We will leave St. Sabina parish at 8pm on the 14th and return at

6am on the 15th.

Youth are welcome to bring a friend and everyone must have a permission slip, which are available on the parish website and will be handed out at the next youth meeting. The cost for this trip is \$25 per youth.

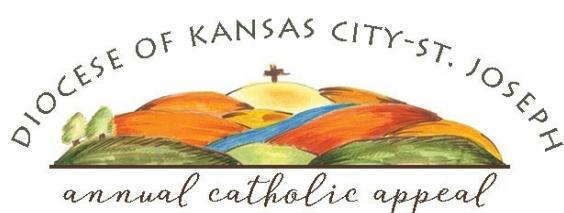


# Stewardship

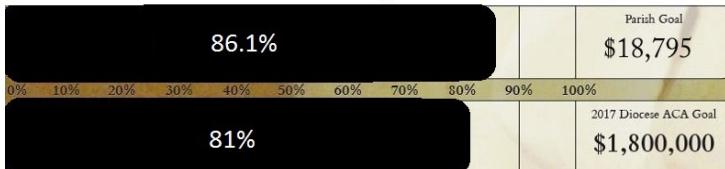
"The LORD said to Moses: 'Speak to Aaron and his sons and tell them: This is how you shall bless the Israelites. Say to them: The LORD bless you and keep you! The LORD let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace! So shall they invoke my name upon the Israelites, and I will bless them.'"

Numbers 6: 22-27

All blessings come from God. One error we make is to conclude that blessings always mean happiness or security or prosperity. God knows what blessings we need, even if we do not. The key for us is to be grateful for whatever blessings we may have. That mind set is at the hub of stewardship — knowing all blessings come from the Lord, and our need to be appreciative of them. To be "kept" by the Lord is to turn our lives over to Him, to know that He is with us and that He loves us, blesses us, and does indeed "keep" us ever in His care. The truth is that to be blessed by God is one of the greatest gifts we can receive. It is available to all of us without exception. — See more at [www.catholicsteward.com/blog/](http://www.catholicsteward.com/blog/)



8.4 % Participation



poinsettias. Poinsettias have been placed in our sanctuary in memory of:

The parents of Bob and Pat Heffernan, Gary L. Welborn, Kathryn Reynolds, Gene and Vernita Linenberger, Ben and Kay Schmidt, Joseph F. Falco, Sr., John C. Mayabb, L. James Wolfe, George Pierce, Bob Meiron, Kathleen Muder, Harold Brown, Theresa Brown, Francis Storm, Albert Storm, Marjorie Rhodes, Phil Moore, Pauline Gibson, Grace Ballenger, the Arnone Family, the Pusateri Family, Casey Pointer, the Gebauer Family, Michael Anthony Martinez, Fabian Villeral, Dorothy Wilbur, Lisa Ninci Denny, Nona Strassle, Walter Zmuda, Ivan Dull, Dennis Gornick, Donald Moorman, Elmer C. Parker, Anna Marinelle, Joe Wetler, Karen Taylor, Walt and Ann Oliver, Pete and Catherine Pickman, Phillip Moore, Albert and Loritta Verhulst, Alfred Ross, Helen Irene Ralston, Brandon Lee Dennis, Jim and Bernardine Martin, Carol Martin, Rose Riek, Dennis Martin, Mary Czarneski, Olga Calice, Henrietta Mercier, Lola Barrios, Justin H. Chrane, Frank P. Fowler, Jr., Franklin P. Fowler, Ellen Fowler, Katherine Fox, Leonard Fox, Donald Lee Fenske, Pat Ann Fenske, The Gogue Family, Mr. and Mrs. Haldorsen, Victoria Davis, Vicente, John and Frank Reyes, Frank and Anita Ninete, Ralph and Ruth Richardson, the Bentley Sooby Family.

## December 25th Contributions

Due to early bulletin deadlines, the December 25th contributions will be listed in the January 8th bulletin.

## 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.

## Online Giving

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

## Leave a Legacy

Prepare or amend your living will or living trust, naming charities that have made a difference in your life.

"I give, devise, and bequeath to St. Sabina Parish, 700 Trevis Avenue, Belton, MO 64012 \_\_\_\_ % of my estate or \$\_\_\_\_ sum of money, or "described" property to be used for its general purposes, as part of the Catholic Diocese of Kansas City/St. Joseph."

## Christmas Poinsettia Thanks

Thanks to all who donated funds for our Christmas

# Reflection on the Readings

Today is the Octave of Christmas, exactly eight days after the celebration of Jesus' birth. It has been celebrated as the feast of the circumcision of the Lord as well as the feast of the Holy Name of Jesus, who would have been named on the day of his circumcision. During the pontificate of Pope Paul VI (1963-1978), the day was dedicated to Mary, celebrating her role as the Mother of God. The readings help us to become more aware of God's graciousness towards Mary, ourselves and all creation.

On this New Year's Day, as we thank God for the blessings of the past year, and look forward to the blessings of the coming year, it is important to acknowledge that all we have been given to us by God. It is not ours, but rather it is a gift to us from God to use for building up God's people and for bringing peace and justice to all our interactions, individually and communally. As our country will soon begin this new year with different leadership, the focus on this basic Christian and human principle has to be prominent and at the forefront of all that we do and say. Responsorial Psalm 67 sets our sights on God whom we call upon to bless us. Together we raise our voices full of hope to God by singing "May God bless us in his mercy." Our acknowledgment of God's graciousness and love is the focus that sets our New Year on the right track. As the New Year unfolds, the psalm invites us to ask God to bless us, to have pity on us, and to be favored all our days with the intimate knowledge of coming to know God face to face.

God is our God who rules with justice, making sure that all have what they need, not what they deserve. In this manner, God guides us to act with justice and to establish peace upon the earth. As people not only of our country but of the world, we are challenged today to acknowledge that if we want peace then we must work for justice. Such a lifestyle cannot but powerfully manifest to all God's graciousness and blessings, leading all to praise and worship of God who sustains us.

The first reading from the book of Numbers situates God's chosen people as they begin their journey from Sinai to the Promised Land. The priestly blessing from Aaron, Moses' brother, is intended to strengthen them for the journey by reminding them that God's love and graciousness has been and will continue to be theirs. Such assurance can only result in peace, a total sense of wholeness for the people, no matter life's struggles and challenges. Through this blessing, the Lord's name becomes the seal with which the people are branded forever, reminding them of the source of all their graciousness and blessings.

Both the second reading from Galatians and a section of the infancy narratives from Luke again focuses our attention on God's graciousness, acknowledging it and responding accordingly. Paul stresses that in Jesus, we were set free from sinfulness in the same manner that slaves are set free. God goes even further in making us adoptive children through the gift of God's Spirit freely given to us in Jesus. The Spirit enables us to call God "Abba," our Daddy, establishing a relationship that is strong, intimate and lasting. Thus, we are no longer slaves but children and heirs of God's love, graciousness and promises, so lavishly incarnated in Jesus.

In Luke's account of Jesus' birth, the angels invite the shepherds, the lowest rung of that society's social ladder, to be the first to experience God's gracious love fulfilled in the person of the infant Jesus. Mary takes this all in and reflects on its deeper meaning and significance for herself, for the world and most especially for the lowest members of society. This child, who is circumcised and named Jesus on the eighth day of his birth, will be cared for, nourished and instructed in the wisdom that Mary and Joseph came to know concerning God's graciousness and fidelity to promises made and fulfilled.

As we celebrate the New Year, let us set our sights on God's continual graciousness expressed so wonderfully in Jesus, Mary and Joseph and in all that we encounter in our everyday life. Take time to acknowledge God's love in your life and spare no effort to share that love with all, especially those in the most need. A blessed New Year to all.

**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 January 8th and 22nd 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

Hoy es la Octava de Navidad, exactamente ocho días después de la celebración del nacimiento de Jesús. Se ha celebrado como la fiesta de la circuncisión del Señor, así como la fiesta del Santo Nombre de Jesús, que habría sido nombrado el día de su circuncisión. Durante el pontificado del Papa Pablo VI (1963-1978), el día fue dedicado a María, celebrando su papel como Madre de Dios. Las lecturas nos ayudan a ser más conscientes de la gracia de Dios hacia María, nosotros mismos y toda la creación.

En este Día del Año Nuevo, mientras damos gracias a Dios por las bendiciones del año pasado y esperamos las bendiciones del próximo año, es importante reconocer que todo lo que tenemos nos ha sido dado por Dios. No es nuestro, sino es un regalo que Dios nos da para usar para construir el pueblo de Dios y traer la paz y la justicia a todas nuestras interacciones, individual y comunal. Como nuestro país pronto comenzará este nuevo año con un liderazgo diferente, el enfoque en este principio cristiano y humano básico tiene que ser prominente y estar a la vanguardia de todo lo que hacemos y decimos.

El Salmo responsorial 66 nos fija la vista en Dios a quien llamamos para bendecirnos. Juntos elevamos nuestras voces llenas de esperanza a Dios cantando "El Señor tenga piedad y nos bendiga". Nuestro reconocimiento de la gracia y el amor de Dios es el enfoque que pone nuestro Año Nuevo en el camino correcto. A medida que se despliega el Año Nuevo, el salmo nos invita a pedir a Dios que nos bendiga, que tenga piedad de nosotros y que nos favorezca todos nuestros días con el conocimiento íntimo de conocer a Dios cara a cara.

Dios es nuestro Dios que gobierna con justicia, asegurándose de que todos tienen lo que necesitan, no lo que merecen. De esta manera, Dios nos guía a actuar con justicia y a establecer la paz en la tierra. Como personas no sólo de nuestro país, sino del mundo, hoy nos enfrentamos al desafío de reconocer que si queremos la paz debemos trabajar por la justicia. Tal estilo de vida solo puede manifestarse poderosamente a toda la gracia y bendiciones de Dios, guiando a todos a alabar y adorar a Dios que nos sostiene.

La primera lectura del libro de Números sitúa al pueblo escogido de Dios mientras comienzan su viaje desde el Sinaí a la Tierra Prometida. La bendición sacerdotal de Aarón, hermano de Moisés, tiene la intención de fortalecerlos para el viaje recordándoles que el amor y la gracia de Dios han sido y seguirán siendo suyos. Tal seguridad sólo puede dar lugar a la paz, a una sensación de totalidad para el pueblo, sin importar las luchas y desafíos de la vida. A través de esta bendición, el nombre del Señor se convierte en el sello con el cual las personas son marcadas para siempre, recordándoles de la fuente de toda su gracia y bendiciones.

Tanto la segunda lectura de Gálatas como una sección de los relatos de la infancia de Lucas enfocan nuevamente nuestra atención en la gracia de Dios, reconociéndola y respondiendo en consecuencia. Pablo enfatiza que en Jesús, fuimos liberados de la pecaminosidad de la misma manera que los esclavos son liberados. Dios va más lejos al hacernos hijos adoptivos a través del don del Espíritu de Dios que nos fue dado gratuitamente en Jesús. El Espíritu nos permite llamar a Dios "Abba", nuestro papá, estableciendo una relación fuerte, íntima y duradera. Así, ya no somos esclavos, sino hijos y herederos del amor, de la gracia y de las promesas de Dios, tan encarnados en Jesús.

En el relato de Lucas sobre el nacimiento de Jesús, los ángeles invitan a los pastores, el peldaño más bajo de la escala social de la sociedad, a ser los primeros en experimentar el amor misericordioso de Dios cumplido en la persona del niño Jesús. María toma todo esto y reflexiona sobre su significado y significado más profundo para sí misma, para el mundo y especialmente para los miembros más bajos de la sociedad. Este niño, que es circuncidado y nombrado Jesús el día ocho de su nacimiento, será cuidado, nutrido e instruido en la sabiduría que María y José llegaron a conocer acerca de la gracia de Dios y la fidelidad a las promesas hechas y cumplidas.



Al celebrar el Año Nuevo, fijémonos en la gracia continua de Dios expresada tan maravillosamente en Jesús, María y José y en todo lo que encontramos en nuestra vida cotidiana. Tómese el tiempo para reconocer el amor de Dios en su vida y no escatimar esfuerzos para compartir ese amor con todos, especialmente aquellos que más lo necesitan. Un Año Nuevo bendecido para todos.

**Biagio Mazza**  
**Asociado Pastoral**

## Lecturas



### Lecturas del Domingo, 1 de Enero

**Primera Lectura:** Números 6:22-27

**Salmo:** Salmo 66:2-3, 5, 6, 8

**Segunda Lectura:** Gálatas 4:4-7

**Evangelio:** Lucas 2:16-21

### Lecturas del Domingo, 8 de Enero

**Primera Lectura:** Isaías 60:1-6

**Salmo:** Salmo 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

**Segunda Lectura:** Efesios 3:2-3a, 5-6

**Evangelio:** Mateo 2:1-12

# 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 23 de enero.

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**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 18 de enero. Contacte a Berenice Zayas en la oficina parroquial para más información. 816-979-3150

## Noche de Deportes para los Jóvenes de Junior High

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

## Reuniones del Equipo Search

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

## Seguridad Infantil

La Diócesis de Kansas City-St. Joseph esta comprometida a luchar contra el abuso sexual en la Iglesia. Si usted es víctima de abuso sexual, o si usted observa o sospecha de abuso sexual, por favor:

- 1) Llame a línea directa de Abuso Infantil en Missouri al 1.800.392.3738 (si la víctima tiene menos de 18 años de edad), y
- 2) Póngase en contacto con su departamento de policía local o llame al 911, y
- 3) Despues 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 víctimas de abuso sexual y a sus familias. Por favor póngase en contacto con la Defensora de Victimas, Kathleen Chastain al 816.392.0011 o chastain@diocesekcsj.org para mas información.

*Todas las personas que son voluntarios con los jóvenes 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/>*

## Noticias de la Escuela de Religión

No habrá clases de catecismo el 1 de enero. Las clases se reanudarán el 8 de enero. ¡¡Próspero año nuevo!!

## Servicio de la Primera Reconciliación

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

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

## Pláticas Pre-Bautismales-14 de Enero

Normalmente cada segundo Sábado del mes de las 10 am a 1 pm (Sólo para Niños de 0-6 años) Salón de juntas. Sótano de la Parroquia. Para niños mayores de 7 años requerirán una formación especial. Infórmese PRÓXIMOS BAUTISMOS: llamar a Kris al 816-979-3151 Favor de llenar su aplicación para asistir a las pláticas con anterioridad. **No se ofrece cuidado de niños.**



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## Información para Anulación de Matrimonio

### PUEDE UN CATÓLICO DIVORCIADO RECIBIR LOS SACRAMENTOS?

Sí. No hay nada en sí mismo que impida que un católico divorciado deje de recibir la Eucaristía y otros sacramentos de la Iglesia. Una persona divorciada es total y completamente un miembro de la Iglesia.

### ¿ESO SIGNIFICA QUE UN DIVORCIADO CATÓLICO QUE SE VOLVIÓ A CASAR FUERA DE LA IGLESIA PUEDE COMULGAR?

No. Un católico que se volvió a casar sin la declaración de anulación de un matrimonio previo no puede recibir la comunión, ya que la recepción de la Comunión es una declaración pública a la comunidad de fe que uno adhiere a las leyes de la Iglesia. Si un católico no ha vuelto a casarse según la ley de la Iglesia, esto sería

una contradicción. Además, hasta que se reciba una anulación, un católico casado de nuevo no servir como Ministro de la Eucaristía. Sin embargo, pueden servir en otros ministerios. El Papa Francisco afirma en su exhortación apostólica Amoris Laetitia que "los bautizados divorciados y casados civilmente deben integrarse más plenamente en las comunidades cristianas ... para darse cuenta de que pertenecen a la Iglesia como el cuerpo de Cristo, pero También para saber que pueden tener una experiencia gozosa y fructífera en ella. Ellos son bautizados; son hermanos y hermanas; El Espíritu Santo vierte en sus corazones dones y talentos para el bien de todos".

### ¿QUÉ ES UN TRIBUNAL DE MATRIMONIO?

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### ¿CUÁL ES EL PROPÓSITO DE UN TRIBUNAL MATRIMONIAL?

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### ¿CÓMO EMPIEZO EL PROCESO DE ANULACIÓN?

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