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9:00am-1:00pm, Friday**



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Remember, Renew, Rejoice...



You may have noticed the new seating in the alcoves of the gathering space. Pictured are Dale Amfahr, Fr. Jeff, Leonard Meiron, John Berryman, Nancy Amfahr, Cecelia Berryman, Jan Stella, Nancy Meiron and Rita Birkenbach, some of the Knights and Ladies that helped to replace the old, worn seating with the new. Thank you to our parish Knights of Columbus and Ladies Auxiliary!

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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.**

Baptism of the Lord

January 12, 2020

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Intentions for January 13-17, 2020

Mon.	8am	Communion Service
Tues.	11am	†Anne Meara
Wed.	10am	†Don Bannerman (Foxwood Springs)
Thurs.	8am	†David Honigman
Fri.	8am	†Mary Perkins

Saturday, January 18, 2020

4:00pm †Anne Meara

Sunday, January 19, 2020

8:00am	†Millie Billesbach
10:30am	†David Honigman
12:30pm Spanish	†Efren Jaimes

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

†**George Bremer**, husband of Maxine Bremer, father of Brenda Bremer

†**Anne Meara**, step-mother of Sandy Katzer, grandmother of Gina Buice and Bridget Hernandez

†**David Honigman**, son of Fred and Judy Honigman

†**Mary Perkins**, aunt of Sheila Birkner



Calendar/Information

Sunday, January 12- Domingo, 12 de Enero

- 9:00am PSR/Parents Lounge
- 9:00am Search Team Meeting/Equipo Search
- 10:30am Bible Study
- 11:00am Ensayo del Coro Hispano
- 11:00am Escuela de Religión/Piñatas

Monday, January 13 - Lunes, 13 de Enero

- 6:30pm Cub Scout Den Meeting
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts
- 7:00pm Reunión de Pequeñas Comunidades Cristianas

Tuesday, January 14 - Martes, 14 de Enero

- 7:00pm Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
- 7:00pm Green Team Meeting
- 7:00pm Living Stones

Wednesday, January 15 - Miércoles, 15 de Enero

- 9:00am Legion of Mary
- 10:00am Mass at Foxwood Springs
- 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (4:00 and 10:30 groups)
- 7:00pm Confirmation Sponsor Night
- 7:00pm Knights First Degree

Thursday, January 16 - Jueves, 16 de Enero

- 6:45am High School Youth Donuts and Prayer
- 9:30am Piecemakers Quilt Group
- 7:00pm Altar Society Meeting
- 7:00pm Love Thy Neighbor Meeting
- 7:00pm RCIA/RICA
- 8:00pm Choir Practice (8:00 group)

Friday, January 17 - Viernes, 17 de Enero

No Scheduled Events

Saturday, January 18 - Sábado, 18 de Enero

- Knights Work Day in Gym
- 3:00pm Confessions

Sunday, January 19- Domingo, 19 de Enero

Donut Sunday

- 9:00am PSR/Parents Lounge
- 11:00am Ensayo del Coro Hispano
- 11:00am Escuela de Religión/Piñatas
- 1:30pm Reunión del Comité Romero
- 3:00pm Search Team Meeting/Equipo Search
- 7:00pm Confirmation and High School Youth Group

Valentine Dinner/Dance—February 15

The Ladies Auxiliary and Knights of Columbus are hosting a Valentine Dinner/Dance on Saturday, February 15, to include a catered dinner, open bar, decadent dessert bar, door prizes, entertainment and dancing! Social will begin at 6:30pm and dinner at 7pm. Early bird pricing: \$50/couple, before February 8, or \$60/couple after. Single tickets will also be available. For more information contact Nancy Meiron at 816-820-6109.



Prayer and Life Workshop

Prayer and Life Workshops are formation sessions that help you learn and deepen the art of prayer. Each week a new type of prayer is presented and practiced. By praying, we learn to pray. In the workshop, we learn to enter into a personal relationship with the Lord through different prayer methods, from the first steps of simple prayer to the heights of contemplation. Since prayer is an art in regard to human nature, the workshop is organized in a manner that offers a progressive way of learning. This workshop will be offered on Wednesdays, February 12 - May 27, 7-9pm, in classroom 8 of the education wing. Please sign up in the gathering space or contact Biagio or Kris in the parish office at 816-331-4713, biagio@stsabinaparish.org or kris@stsabinaparish.org. The cost of this course is \$15, which pays for the materials.

From Catholic Charities—Extending the Welcome

Catholic Charities of Kansas City-St. Joseph had a deep impact on thousands of lives last year. We know, however, that for every person we assist there are an additional 20 who live in poverty within our 27-county region. Due to their distance from our physical offices, many are left unaided. Help "Extend the Welcome" in 2020 by supporting Catholic Charities' outreach efforts, which take our services to the neighborhoods and communities where families most in need are living. For more information or to help, please contact Nancy Butters, Development Manager at 816-659-8266 or nbutters@ccharities.com.



Information

This Week's Do You Know Video:

Matthew and Luke are the only two gospels that have stories about the birth and early life of Jesus. Each gospel pictures these infancy narratives differently, reflecting the key issues and concerns of the communities that produced them. Luke's stories are the ones we are most familiar with and the ones that fill us with wonder, joy, excitement and good feelings. Luke is an excellent and engaging storyteller, who at same time reflects the key issues in his community, namely, Jesus as the universal savior of all, who has a special bent towards the poor, the alienated, the oppressed and the marginalized. Matthew's stories are more foreboding, filled with doubt, fear and trembling, threats of violence, killing of children, escape into the night and premonitions of suffering and death. All this reflects the tension that Matthew's community was experiencing about the legitimacy of Jesus as the long awaited Jewish Messiah, and how welcoming Jews should be in accepting Gentiles as integral members of Jesus' followers. Make time to view this week's DYK video and reflect on the differences between Luke and Matthew's infancy narratives.



happy birthday

Dolores Aguilar	Karli Goulding	Laurie Oakes
Lizbeth Aguirre	Lizbeth Gracida	Joshua Oliver
Philip Albin	Jasmin Guardado	Shelly Orozco
Flor Alvarado	Abril Gutierrez	Leobardo Ortega
Cristian Amador	Marvin Henrich	Lindsey Park
Bridget Amey	Mauro Hernandez	Katherine Perez
Jacob Anderson	Karla Hernandez	Miguel Perez
Maura Arenivas	Kimberly Herrera	Michael Peters
Antony Ayala	Melchor Hinojos	Nicholas Pierce
Maura Badillo	Kyara Hinojos	Corey Pointer
Yamileth Bejarano Samaniego	John Hirt	Doug Pritchett
John Borgman	Brenda Huhn	Angela Pulido
Tonya Britton	Nicholas Karr	Matthew Ratigan
Ruth Brown	Kathleen Kenyon	Taylor Rayos
Pamela Crosby	Arturo Lagunes	Juan Rocha
Mason Curls	Hilario Landa	Caleb Rosebrough
Suzanne Daniels	Jeffrey Lewis	Maria Ruiz
James Dillon	Amy Lopez	Maura Trejo
William Duncan	Mary Mattingly	Kathryn Vasquez
Samantha Franco	Jose Mauro	Kathleen Whitney
Clara Fuentes	Chris McClish	Hazel Wilburn
AJ Goffoy	Alex Mora	Cassandra Zamora
Jesus Gonzalez	Tania Neri	

Now Available—Missals for Children:

We now have Missals for grade school aged children to use during Mass. My First Mass Book is an illustrated booklet containing all the prayers and responses we say during Mass. It is a great tool to help children learn the prayers and the order of the liturgy. The books are in a basket near the St. Sabina statue at the entrance to church. Please return the books to the same basket after Mass so they will continue to be available for all children to use. Thank you to a generous parishioner for the donation of the books.

Happy Anniversary

Jerry and Carolyn Folz	54 Years!	1/15/1966
Ron and Shelia Hampton	35 Years!	1/19/1985
Miguel Pacheco and Hilda Alvarado	19 Years!	1/16/2001
Oscar and Sara Rosales	19 Years!	1/16/2001
Adelso and Maria Solares	10 Years!	1/17/2010



Our Hispanic community celebrated the Epiphany last Sunday with the "kings" handing out candy bags to the kids... Fr. Jeff snuck in line too!



Pastoral Care

Nursing Home Mass Schedule

Jan 15	10:00am	Foxwood Springs
Jan 22	No Mass or Communion Service	
Jan 29	8:00am	St. Sabina (5th Wed)

Mental Health Signs of Depression

There are a lot of signs of depression, but you may not have them all.

Sad, empty, or anxious. It will continue over time without getting better or going away.

Helpless, worthless, or guilty. You may feel bad about yourself or your life, or think a lot about losses or failures.

Hopeless. You may be pessimistic or believe that nothing good will ever happen. You may even think about suicide.

Irritable. You may get restless or more cranky than usual.

Less interest in activities. Hobbies or games you usually enjoy may not appeal to you.

Less energetic. You may feel extremely tired or think more slowly. Daily routines and tasks may seem too hard to manage.

Trouble concentrating. It could be tough to focus even with simple things.

Changes in the way you sleep. You might not be able to sleep or sleep too much.

Changes in appetite. You may overeat or not feel hungry.

Prayer Requests/Peticiones de Oración

Anna Anderson	Martha Healy	Anna Ryan
Dennis Berg	Beth Heide	Ron Schock
Jean Berg	Rhonda Henke	Doris Shields
John Bidondo	Alex Henningsen	Jaxton Shipley
Mary Pat Biondo	Morgan Hilliard	Lois Simpson
Betty Bremenkamp	Richard Hoedl	Don Standley
Maxine Bremer	Gale Holsman	Rachael Casady Smith
Sheila Brown	John Jongenelen	Cleo Srader
Joyce Callahan	Don Kueck	Wally Srader
Marge Campbell	Emmy Long	Marie Stinger
John Cikan	Kristy McClain	Lois Stogsdill
Joseph Coots	Ray Malisos	Rita Stout
Toby Coyle	Laurie Marmon	Jean Tate
Barry Dougherty	Bienvenido Martinez	Joe Taylor
Paula Dull	Nancy Meiron	Priscilla Tristani
Terry Eppert	Janet Moorman	Tierney VanMeter
Pat Ford	Bogumila Oczko	Margaret Vargo
Jean Frank	Mark Parson	Senny Vigil
Bettianne Gardiner	George Panebianco	Richard Vogel
Butch Geer	Diane Quinn	Mary Westfall
Judy Giannini	Larry Rhodes	William Jordan Family
Rita Ann Hand	Agustin Rivera	Merle Woolworth
Cherie Hatfield	Michelle Rose	Carmitia Yust

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

Do you know what fuels your body best? Try this breakfast experiment as a way of tuning into your body and learning to listen to its messages; explore eating a different breakfast every day for a week. Jot down what you eat and how you feel, both right after eating and again two hours later. Sit quietly after you eat and reflect. Note how your energy level, your moods and your physical symptoms are affected by the food in your body.

Sample Breakfast Ideas:

Day 1: Omelet or Mini Quiche

Day 2: Steak and Egg Breakfast Burrito

Day 3: Steel Cut Oatmeal

Day 4: Egg and Avocado Toast

Day 5: Whole Grain Toast with Peanut or Almond Butter and Sliced Banana

Day 6: Fresh Fruit Smoothie or Plain Greek Yogurt with Fruit and Nuts

Day 7: Fresh Vegetables or Steamed Veggies and Cottage Cheese

Review your food journal paying special attention to your notes on how you felt right after eating and how you felt 2 hours later. You may discover from this exercise that you are unusually sensitive to certain foods. A food sensitivity or allergy may be your body's way of telling you to start eating and cooking foods more appropriate for your current life goals.

Focus on understanding your body and what your body needs to keep you moving!

Call the Wellness Center to schedule a screening at 816 979-3090.



Stewardship

AmazonSmile Donations

Did you know that we are eligible to receive donations based on your Amazon purchases? Last quarter, we received donations based off of over \$3000 of your purchases! Please remember this while doing your Amazon shopping! To support us in this way, be sure to do your Amazon shopping through smile.amazon.com and select "St. Sabina Catholic Church, Belton" as your charity of choice.



Contributions for December 22

Envelopes/Sobres:	\$19,405.00
Plate/Canasta:	\$ 1,579.51
Maintenance-Upkeep:	\$ 2,160.00
Religious Retirement:	\$ 4,153.14

Contributions for December 29

Envelopes/Sobres:	\$11,282.00
Plate/Canasta:	\$ 1,124.46
Maintenance-Upkeep:	\$ 1,660.36
Christmas Mass Env:	\$ 9,404.00
Christmas Mass Plate:	\$ 1,816.96

Contributions for January 5

Envelopes/Sobres:	\$13,904.00
Plate/Canasta:	\$ 1,301.18
Maintenance-Upkeep:	\$ 2,102.00
Solemnity of Mary Envelopes:	\$ 1,257.77
Solemnity of Mary Plate:	\$ 449.00
Catholic Key:	\$ 1,704.98

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, click the "Online Giving" button in the top right section and fill out the online contribution form.

Green Team Tip of the Week

Lost your curbside recycling service? Check out these organizations for drop off recycling:

<https://bridgingthegap.org/recycle/>

<https://www.casco-aw.com/recycling> in Harrisonville, which employs the disabled.

<https://www.recyclespot.org/pdf/HHW/>

[KCRegionRecyclingCenters-August2019.aspx](https://www.kcregionrecyclingcenters.org/RecyclingCenters-August2019.aspx) Find a list of drop off sites.

Check to see if your local school district or town offers drop off recycling.

"Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. John tried to prevent him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?' Jesus said to him in reply, 'Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.' Then he allowed him."

Matthew 3: 13-15

At the moment of our Baptism we became adopted sons and daughters of God, members of his holy, Catholic Church. Though we may not have realized it, the moment of our Baptism is also the moment we become Christian stewards, disciples of Jesus Christ, tasked with the work of following in His footsteps day by day and sharing the Gospel message with all those around us. In the Gospel passage from Matthew, we see an aspect of Jesus in action as he humbly stands before John to be baptized by him. What humility and what willingness to unite Himself to us our Lord demonstrates by this act. We can do no less as we live out our daily lives as his disciples. And when we do strive with all our might to live out our Baptismal call to Christian stewardship, we will experience the deep honor of knowing that our we, too, are God's "beloved" sons and daughters "with whom He is well-pleased." — See more at www.catholicsteward.com/blog/.

A Bequest in your Will

Programs for outreach are important at our parish. Please help ensure the continuation of these programs by making a bequest in your will. For more information, contact parish staff with questions. Or, contact Laura Gray at gray@diocesekcsj.org, 816-714-2363.

Blood Drive Thanks

Thank you to everyone that participated in our blood drives held in 2019. Through this effort, our blood drives collected 100 units of blood and saved 300 lives. Next year our blood drives are scheduled for April 14, July 14, September 15 and November 15. We look forward to seeing you at our future blood drives. Michael Dailey and the Knights of Columbus

Catholic Home Mission Appeal - Jan 18-19

Next week we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Right now, over 40 percent of dioceses in the United States are considered home mission territory because they are unable to fund the essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support of this appeal helps ease the struggle of these dioceses. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.



Stewardship/Parish Happenings

Poinsettias in Memory/Honor of our Loved Ones

Poinsettias have been placed in the sanctuary in memory of the following: Irena Oczko, Edward and Halina Pawlus, Robert and Stefania Papez, John C. Mayabb, L. James Wolfe, Dorothy, Rita, Annie, Joyce, Carl Parrott, Ralph and Ruth Richardson, Theo Suwito, Felix Suwito, Frank P Henke, Jean Bidondo, Dolores Bidondo, Fran Birkner, Wm. P. Birkner, Phil Moore, Walter Zmuda, George Pierce, Robert Meiron, Barbara Pierce, Casey Pointer, Albert and Loritta Verhulst, Darrell Littler, Francis Storm, Albert Storm, Judy Kemper, Joe and Dodie Maurer, Jack Shatford, Marjorie and Le Witulski, Paul E. Hughes II, Ko and Chieko Hongo, Rita H Miller, Justin Chrane, Robert Humphrey, Logan Cannon, Vernon Cook, Joseph Falco Sr., Ursula Buell, Keith Buell, Veronica Yust, Raymond Yust, Buttercup, Joe and Gloria McLaughlin, Marie Potyandy, William Firner, John Healy, Maurine, Pat Rose, Jean Wasleski, Darwin DuPree, Herman, Hilda, Charlie Kemna, and the souls in Purgatory.

Poinsettias have also been placed in the sanctuary in honor of the following: Al and Kathleen Gebauer and The Anthony Family



Thank you to Gail and Dennis Schmidt, and Breckin, who carried up the gifts at 4:00 Mass on December 28 and to all of our liturgical ministers who help us celebrate Mass each week!



*Parish Mission with
Fr. Dick Gielow*

*Save the Dates!
March 7-11, 2020*

Youth Ministry

PSR News

First Reconciliation will be Tuesday, January 21st at 7pm. Parents are asked to accompany their children to this service and arrive 10 minutes early to check in with their teachers in the gathering space.

Youth News

Junior High Youth! Our next meeting is Wednesday, January 22 at 7pm.

Confirmation Candidates! Our next Sponsor Night will be January 15 from 7-8:30pm in the Parish Hall.

Confirmation Search Retreat! All youth in the Confirmation program are required to attend this retreat on February 14th through the 16th. Details will be sent directly to your home and will include your permission slip, packing list and information for your parents.

Search Team Meetings! All Peer Ministers and Adult Chaperones for this retreat are required to attend the meetings before the retreat on each Sunday of January from 3-5pm as well as February 2nd and 9th, 3-5pm. January 12 meeting is at 9am. If any returning Peer Ministers would like to join the Team for Search this year, please contact Kirstie Roberts immediately.



Members of our Search team had a little fun while preparing for this year's Search Retreat!

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, Joe Crayon, at 816.812.2500 or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

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

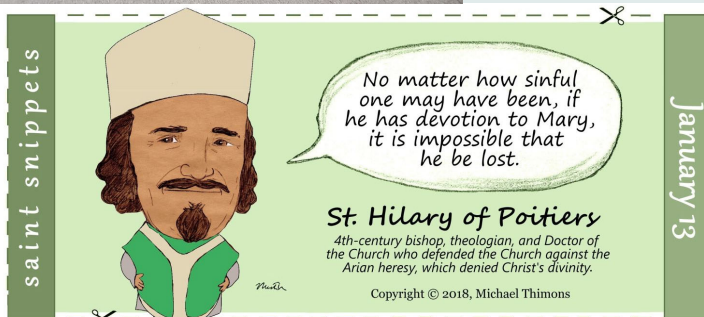
All volunteers with youth and children must attend one Protecting God's Children workshop, submit to a background check and sign the policy on Ethics and Integrity in Ministry, (EIM). More info at <https://kcsj catholic.org/the-office-of-child-and-youth-protection/>

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



John tried to prevent him, saying, "I have need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" Mt 3:14



Reflection on the Readings

The Sunday after Epiphany celebrates the Baptism of the Lord. **Jesus' baptism is traditionally linked to the Epiphany and to the wedding feast of Cana as key events in Jesus' public manifestation of his identity and mission. The feast serves the double function of bringing to a close the Christmas/Epiphany season, while at the same time beginning the Season of Ordinary Time.**

The psalm refrain from Responsorial Psalm 29, "**the Lord will bless his people with peace,**" is an excellent summary of Jesus' mission among God's people. God's peace is God's "shalom," that sense of wholeness that comes to us when our life's priorities and relationships are all in their right order. "**Shalom**" calls us to work towards right relationships with all people and all creation. God created us for such work and in and through our Baptism, we commit our lives to establish God's "shalom" in all our interactions and relationships.

Right relationships immerse us in the mission of the Lord's servant as specified in our first reading from Isaiah. Being the Lord's servant involves "bringing forth justice to the nations" so that all may have "shalom," that peace which liberates us and others from injustice, oppression and darkness. Such wholeness comes through non-violent work symbolized by "a bruised reed he shall not break and a smoldering wick he shall not quench." **Such work can only be accomplished through the Lord's gift of the Spirit given to all who choose to commit themselves to God's "shalom" mission.**

The second reading from Acts affirms two significant realities concerning Jesus' mission. We are told by Peter that God shows no partiality, but "rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable" to the Lord. As a result, God's peace is proclaimed to all through Jesus Christ," the Lord of all, and God's anointed servant. **Jesus' mission was accomplished by "doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil," without any distinction or partiality.** These dimensions add further clarification concerning Jesus' mission and ministry, as well as ours.

Matthew's gospel has Jesus enter the waters of baptism as a public and external sign of Jesus' commitment to God's mission of "shalom." God affirms and approves

Jesus' external sign of commitment by anointing Jesus with the Spirit, and proclaiming to all present that "This is my beloved son, with whom I am well pleased."

Jesus' baptism as an epiphany event reveals a great deal about Jesus' identity and mission. **It proclaims Jesus as God's anointed, sent forth to live a life of justice and right relationship with all.** The other readings specify Jesus' mission and identity even further by clarifying the kind of life style that Jesus models for us. **Jesus' life is aimed at establishing right relationships with all so that justice and peace are concretely experienced in the give and take of everyday relationships.**

Through our baptism, we too have been anointed as God's servants, and have committed ourselves to take on the mind and heart of Jesus. His mission is now our mission. His way of living becomes our way of living. This feast, at the beginning of our New Year, is an excellent opportunity once again to re-commit ourselves to our baptismal identity and mission as servants of the Lord, modeled on Jesus' values and life style. **The celebration of Jesus' baptism is a celebration of our own baptism, throwing a clear and sharp focus on what God's "shalom" work entails.**

This year, how will you be a person who works towards bringing about God's "shalom" in our divided and troubled world? How will you ensure that right relationship with all, the true path to God's justice and peace, dominates your life style? **Let us all pray that we may be continually faithful to our baptismal call and commitment, no matter the cost.**

Biagio Mazza
Pastoral Associate

Readings



Sunday, January 12

1st Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Psalm: Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 (11b)

2nd Reading: Acts 10:34-38

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

Sunday, January 19

1st Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

Psalm: Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a)

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Gospel: John 1:29-34

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 offer study sessions that provide an opportunity to read, to study background to the readings, and to reflect on how to apply the readings to our lives. **Our next Bible Study dates are Sundays, January 12 and 26 at 10:30am in the conference room.** All are welcome; bring a Bible. To register, call Biagio at 816-979-3153.



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Reflexión Sobre las Lecturas

El domingo después de la Epifanía se celebra el Bautismo del Señor. **El bautismo de Jesús está tradicionalmente vinculado a la Epifanía y al banquete de la boda en Caná como eventos claves en la manifestación pública de Jesús de su identidad y misión. La fiesta cumple la doble función de cerrar la temporada de Navidad/Epifanía al mismo tiempo que comienza la Temporada del Tiempo Ordinario.**

El estribillo del Salmo Responsorial 28, "el Señor bendice a su pueblo con la paz", es un excelente resumen de la misión de Jesús entre el pueblo de Dios. La paz de Dios es el "shalom" de Dios, ese sentido de plenitud que nos llega cuando las prioridades y las relaciones de nuestra vida están en su orden correcto. **"Shalom" nos llama a trabajar para lograr relaciones correctas con todas las personas y toda la creación.** Dios nos creó para tal trabajo y en y a través de nuestro Bautismo, comprometemos nuestras vidas para establecer el "shalom" de Dios en todas nuestras interacciones y relaciones.

Las relaciones correctas nos sumergen en la misión del siervo del Señor como se especifica en nuestra primera lectura de Isaías. Ser el siervo del Señor implica "hacer brillar la justicia sobre las naciones" para que todos puedan tener "shalom", esa paz que nos libera a nosotros y a los demás de la injusticia, la opresión y la oscuridad. Tal plenitud se produce a través del trabajo no violento simbolizado al decir "no romperá la caña resquebrajada ni apagará la mecha que aún humea". **Tal trabajo solo se puede lograr a través del don del Espíritu del Señor dado a todos los que eligen comprometerse a la misión "shalom" de Dios.**

La segunda lectura de Hechos afirma dos realidades significativas con respecto a la misión de Jesús. Pedro nos dice que Dios no muestra parcialidad, "sino que acepta al que lo teme y practica la justicia. Como resultado, la paz de Dios se proclama a todos por medio de Jesucristo, el Señor de todos, y el siervo ungido de Dios. **La misión de Jesús se logró "haciendo el bien y sanando a todos los oprimidos por el diablo", sin distinción ni parcialidad.** Estas dimensiones agregan más aclaraciones sobre la misión y el ministerio de Jesús, así como también sobre el nuestro.

El evangelio de Mateo hace que Jesús entre en las aguas del bautismo como una señal pública y externa del compromiso de Jesús con la misión "shalom" de Dios. Dios afirma y aprueba la señal externa de compromiso de Jesús al ungir a Jesús con el Espíritu y proclamar a todos los presentes que "Este es

mi hijo muy amado, en quien tengo mis complacencias".

El bautismo de Jesús como un evento de epifanía revela mucho sobre la identidad y misión de Jesús. **Proclama a Jesús como el ungido de Dios, enviado a vivir una vida de justicia y relación correcta con todos.** Las otras lecturas especifican aún más la misión e identidad de Jesús al aclarar el tipo de estilo de vida que Jesús modela para nosotros. **La vida de Jesús está dirigida a establecer relaciones correctas con todos para que la justicia y la paz se experimenten concretamente en el intercambio de las relaciones cotidianas.**

A través de nuestro bautismo, nosotros también hemos sido ungidos como siervos de Dios, y nos hemos comprometido a asumir la mente y el corazón de Jesús. Su misión es ahora nuestra misión. Su forma de vida se convierte en nuestra forma de vida. Esta fiesta, al comienzo de nuestro Año Nuevo, es una excelente oportunidad para volver a comprometernos una vez más con nuestra identidad y misión bautismales como siervos del Señor, siguiendo el modelo de los valores y el estilo de vida de Jesús. **La celebración del bautismo de Jesús es una celebración de nuestro propio bautismo, con un enfoque claro y agudo en lo que implica el trabajo "shalom" de Dios.**

Este año, ¿cómo será usted una persona que trabaje para lograr el "shalom" de Dios en nuestro mundo dividido y afligido? ¿Cómo va a asegurar que la relación correcta con todos, el verdadero camino hacia la justicia y la paz de Dios, domine su estilo de vida? Oremos todos para que podamos ser continuamente fieles a nuestro llamado y compromiso bautismal, sin importar el costo.

Biagio Mazza
Asociado Pastoral

Lecturas



Lecturas del Domingo, 12 de Enero

Primera Lectura: Isaías 42:1-4, 6-7
Salmo: Salmo 28:1a y 2, 3ac-4, 3b y 9c-10
Segunda Lectura: Hechos 10:34-38
Evangelio: Mateo 3:13-17

Lecturas del Domingo, 19 de Enero

Primera Lectura: Isaías 49:3, 5-6
Salmo: Salmo 39:2 y 4ab, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10
Segunda Lectura: 1 Corintios 1:1-3
Evangelio: Juan 1:29-34

Noticias de la Escuela de Religión

La primera reconciliación será el martes 21 de enero a las 7pm. Se les pide a los padres que acompañen a sus hijos a este servicio y que lleguen 10 minutos antes para registrarse con sus maestros en el espacio de reunión.



Noticias de los Jóvenes

¡Jóvenes de la Middle School! Nuestra próxima reunión será el 22 de enero a las 7pm.

¡Candidatos de la Confirmación! Nuestra próxima Noche de Padrinos será el 15 de enero de 7 a 8:30 pm en el Salón Parroquial.

¡Retiro de Confirmación Search! Todos los jóvenes en el programa de Confirmación deben asistir a este retiro del 14 al 16 de febrero. Los detalles serán enviados directamente a su hogar e incluirán su hoja de permiso, lista de empaque e información para sus padres.

¡Reuniones del Equipo Search! Se requiere que todos los Ministros jóvenes y Chaperones adultos de este retiro asistan a las reuniones antes del retiro cada domingo de enero de 3 a 5 p.m., así como los días 2 y 9 de febrero de 3 a 5 p.m. La reunión del 12 de enero se llevará a cabo a las 9am. Si alguno de los Ministros jóvenes del año pasado quisiera unirse al Equipo Search este año, comuníquese con Kirstie Roberts de inmediato.



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:

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- 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** a Joe Crayon, Defensor del Pueblo Diocesano al 816.812.2500 o crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org si el abuso implica a un sacerdote, diacono, empleado o voluntario de la Diócesis de Kansas City-St. Joseph.

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Todas las personas que son voluntarios con los jóvenes ó niños de nuestra parroquia deben atender a un taller llamado Protegiendo a los Niños de Dios, también necesitaran someterse a una verificación de antecedentes y deberán firmar la póliza sobre Éticas e Integridad en el Ministerio (EIM). Más información en <https://kcsj catholic.org/the-office-of-child-and-youth-protection/>

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Platicas Pre-Bautismales - 8 de Febrero

Normalmente cada segundo Sábado del mes de las 10 am a la 1 pm. (Sólo para niños de 0-6 años.) Salón doble del área de la escuela. Para niños mayores de 7 años requerirán una formación especial.

PRÓXIMOS BAUTISMOS: llamar a Kris al 816-979-3151. Favor de llenar su aplicación para asistir a las platicas con anterioridad. **No se ofrece cuidado de niños.**

En Nuestro Video ¿Sabes...? de Esta Semana:

Los evangelios de Mateo y Lucas son los únicos dos que tienen historias sobre el nacimiento y la vida temprana de Jesús. Cada evangelio representa estas narraciones de la infancia de manera diferente, reflejando los problemas y preocupaciones claves de las comunidades que las produjeron. Las historias de Lucas son las con que estamos más familiarizados y las que nos llenan de asombro, alegría, emoción y buenos sentimientos. Lucas es un narrador excelente y atractivo, que al mismo tiempo refleja los temas claves en su comunidad, a saber, Jesús como el salvador universal de todos, que tiene una inclinación especial hacia los pobres, los alienados, los oprimidos y los marginados. Las historias de Mateo son más inquietantes, llenas de duda, miedo y temblor, amenazas de violencia. asesinato de niños, escape a la noche y premoniciones de sufrimiento y muerte. Todo esto refleja la tensión que la comunidad de Mateo estaba experimentando sobre la legitimidad de Jesús como el tan esperado Mesías judío, y que tan acogedores deberían ser los judíos al aceptar a los gentiles como miembros integrales de los seguidores de Jesús. Tómese un momento para ver el video ¿Sabes? de esta semana y reflexionar sobre las diferencias entre las narraciones de infancia según Lucas y Mateo.



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