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Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

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Mass Times

Saturday: 4:00pm in English

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

Confessions: Saturdays 3:00-3:30pm

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Mass times.**

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Intentions for January 20-24, 2020

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| Mon. | 7pm | Ecumenical Prayer Service |
| Tues. | 11am | †Mary Perkins |
| Wed. | No Mass or Communion Service | |
| Thurs. | 8am | Communion Service |
| Fri. | 8am | Communion Service |

Saturday, January 25, 2020

4:00pm Intentions of Our Parish Family

Sunday, January 26, 2020

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| 8:00am | †Bob and Shirley Sullivan |
| 10:30am | †Jose Lucio Alonzo |
| 12:30pm Spanish | †Alejandro Chavez Intenciones de Nuestra Familia Parroquial |

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

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

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

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

†**Jose Lucio Alonzo**, brother of Juan Alonzo



Calendar/Information

Sunday, January 19- Domingo, 19 de Enero

Donut Sunday

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| 9:00am | PSR/Parents Lounge |
| 9:00am | Search Team Meeting/Equipo Search |
| 11:00am | Ensayo del Coro Hispano |
| 11:00am | Escuela de Religión/Piñatas |
| 7:00pm | Confirmation and High School Youth Group |

Monday, January 20 - Lunes, 20 de Enero

Martin Luther King, Jr Day/ Office Closed

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| 6:30pm | Cub Scout Den Meeting |
| 7:00pm | Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Ecumenical Prayer Service |

Tuesday, January 21 - Martes, 21 de Enero

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| 7:00pm | First Reconciliation |
| 7:00pm | Living Stones |

Wednesday, January 22 - Miércoles, 22 de Enero

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| 9:00am | Legion of Mary |
| 7:00pm | Choir Rehearsal (4:00 and 10:30 groups) |
| 7:00pm | Junior High Youth Group |

Thursday, January 23 - Jueves, 23 de Enero

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| 6:45am | High School Youth Donuts and Prayer |
| 9:30am | Piecemakers Quilt Group |
| 7:00pm | RCIA/RICA |

Friday, January 24 - Viernes, 24 de Enero

No Scheduled Events

Saturday, January 25 - Sábado, 25 de Enero

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| 9:00am | Altar Society Church Cleaning |
| 3:00pm | Confessions |

Sunday, January 26- Domingo, 26 de Enero

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| 9:00am | PSR/Parents Lounge |
| 10:30am | Bible Study |
| 11:00am | Ensayo del Coro Hispano |
| 11:00am | Escuela de Religión/Piñatas |
| 3:00pm | Search Team Meeting/Equipo Search |

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

During the past fiscal year, Catholic Charities KCSJ served 10,000 heads of households. Nearly half of all those served had children in the home and 74% of those coming to us were unemployed. 85% of those we served were widowed, single, divorced or separated, 61% were female, 25% were seniors, 26% were ex-offenders, 20% were disabled and 11% were veterans. We provided over \$1,000,000 in rent, utility and other emergency assistance. In addition, we served 236 households whose homes were either severely affected or destroyed in the Missouri spring floods. Although we're proud of the impact and results we achieve, we're very aware that we can't and don't do it alone. Thank you for your continued support of our outreach. For more information on our programs please contact Nancy Butters, Development Manager at 816-659-8266 or nbutters@ccharities.com.



Information

This Week's Do You Know Video:

Every year, January 18-25 is designated as the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. From the beginning of Christianity, Christians have had major disagreements over how to be disciples and how to carry on the mission and ministry of Jesus. This often led to splits within Christianity: first from Judaism, then in the 400s over Jesus' identity, in 1054 between Latin West and Greek East, and in 1517 with the Reformation initiated by Martin Luther. In the 19th and 20th centuries many movements were begun to address this scandal among Jesus' followers. In 1908 the Octave of Christian Unity (later changed to the Chair of Christian Unity) was established and today is known as the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. All Christians are encouraged to come together to pray that despite our differences, we are one in Christ and can work together to promote gospel values and concern for all humanity. Make time to view this week's DYK video and pray with fellow Christians that all may be one in Christ.



happy birthday

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| Tim Aguilar | Cherie Hatfield | Jissel Reyes |
| Doraida Aguirre | Kelly Hense | Evelyn Reyes |
| Luis Alonso | Luis Hinojos | Sergio Rocha |
| Jose Arellano Chavez | Ivan Hinojos | Diego Salcedo |
| Salvador Arroyo | Nancy Jaimes | Francisco Solis |
| Katlyn Austin | Bradley Latini | Valerie Spencer |
| Kevin Benavides | Kimberly Lopez | Wally Srader |
| John Berryman | Jan McDougal | Daniel Starforth |
| Emilee Biondo | Daniel Medina | Lois Stogsdill |
| Megan Carr | Jose Meza | Nicole Strickland |
| Margarita Carrillo | Viridiana Molina | Logan Sueltz |
| Christofer Duarte | Emily Monroe | Shawn Sueltz |
| Maria Fragoso | Fabiola Morales | Maricruz Villa Lagos |
| Victor Garcia | Jerry Morgan, Jr | Jill Votava |
| Estrella Garcia | Edgar Negrete | Emy Yeater |
| Abigail Guzman | Amy Nelson | Reyna Zamora |
| Jonathan Harshbarger | Rafael Ocon | Vicki Zamora |
| Beckee Hart | Beverly Renfro | |

Help for Struggling Marriages - Retrouvaille

Retrouvaille offers a welcoming and loving space to couples who have been living with the misery of a failing marriage. Retrouvaille offers hope: hope that it is not too late, hope of a different and better marriage. Retrouvaille helps couples to show each other mercy through the opportunities it provides to listen, to forgive, to be reconciled and to move into their futures believing that God loves them and with His help and their efforts, their marriages can be healed and restored. Retrouvaille provides help for marriage problems/difficulties/crises. For more information about an upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, contact registration team: Local telephone is 800-470-2230 or visit our website: HelpOurMarriage.com. **The next weekend in the Kansas City area will be January 24-26.**

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service

The annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins Saturday, January 18 and continues till Saturday, January 25. St. Sabina has continually hosted other Christian churches in our area to join us in praying for Christian Unity. Coming together manifests our response to Jesus' prayer, "that all may be one," (John 17:21), and allows us to promote understanding and cooperation among Christians and others in our community. This year's theme is taken from Acts 28:2, "They Showed Us Unusual Kindness." We invite all parishioners to join us in hosting our Christian brothers and sisters on Monday, January 20, 2020, at 7 PM here at St. Sabina. We ask you to make a special effort to welcome and participate in our prayer and song for Christian Unity with our Christian brothers and sisters.

Happy Anniversary

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| Fred and Judy Honigman | 58 Years! | 1/20/1962 |
| Gene and Ana McEwen | 51 Years! | 1/25/1969 |
| Michael and Donna Dailey | 43 Years! | 1/22/1977 |
| Ron and Marta Roper | 39 Years! | 1/24/1981 |
| Jim and Estelle Lewis | 21 Years! | 1/24/1999 |

Support Our Seminarians Dinner

The 27th annual "SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS" Benefit Dinner is dedicated to Our Lady of Good Help, Champion, Wisconsin. It is scheduled for Friday, January 31, 2020. This event benefits seminarians from the Archdiocese of Kansas City, Kansas, the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph and Conception Seminary College. It promises to be an evening filled with fun and laughter, celebrating our Catholic faith, dining on wonderful food, and socializing with our priests and seminarians! We have wonderful speakers this year: Fr. Edward Looney, Marian author, and graduate of Conception Seminary College and seminarian, Jared Samson, Theology II at Conception Seminary.

SOS will be held at Union Station, 30 West Pershing Road, Kansas City, Missouri. The reservation price is \$175.00 per person at tables of ten people. To reserve your place, or an entire table contact: Martha Hodes (913) 207-9893 or mmmhsos512@gmail.com. To donate to the silent auction, contact: Mary Quinn (816) 665-0380 or marydeeq@aol.com Check out our new website: www.supportourseminarians.com.



Pastoral Care

Nursing Home Mass Schedule

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| Jan 22 | No Mass or Communion Service | |
| Jan 29 | 8:00am | St. Sabina (5th Wed) |
| Feb 5 | 10:30am | Beautiful Savior |

"Coping with Life Alone" - Peer-To-Peer Grief Support

"Coping with Life Alone ®" is a *Beginning Experience* ® grief support program that meets each week for 7 weeks. The program helps those who have lost a love relationship due to death, divorce or separation, move through the experience of grief and loss into a future with renewed hope.

Upcoming program dates and location:

Saturdays, February 22nd through April 4th, from 1:30-3:30pm. Location: St. Bernadette Church, Parish Hall, 9020 E 51st Ter., Kansas City, MO 64133. Contact Donna at [\(816\)305-3760](tel:(816)305-3760), for information and registration.

Having a Difficult Time Due To the Loss of a Loved One? Do You Need a Safe Place to Be

Heard? Save the Date Our St. Sabina six week *Grief Recovery Group* will begin Tuesday morning, Feb. 25. The final session will be Tuesday, March 31, 2020. See next week's Bulletin for registration details.

Prayer Requests/Peticiones de Oración

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

Did You Know—Fresh vegetables and fruits are the foundation of a healthy diet and successful weight loss. For some people, making sure to add servings of vegetables and fruits every day is a struggle.

Here are tips that might help that:

- Add a banana, strawberries or another fruit to your cereal or yogurt at breakfast.
- Include a small salad with one of your main meals of the day.
- Stir-fry vegetables with a small portion of poultry, seafood or meat.
- Use fresh fruit and fruit sauces as toppings on desserts and pancakes.
- When you have a craving for chips, have a small handful with lots of fresh salsa.
- For dessert, have baked apples, grilled pineapple or a bowl of berries.

Experimenting with new tastes keeps you challenged. Taste your way through the produce section of the grocery store and let your taste buds help you find your next *new* favorite fruit or vegetable.

For more ideas stop in the Wellness Center. We're here to help!



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 January 12

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| Envelopes/Sobres: | \$8,398.00 |
| Plate/Canasta: | \$1,011.69 |
| Maintenance-Upkeep: | \$ 694.00 |

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.



Estate Planning

You can share your faith beyond your lifetime by careful estate planning that includes your church in your will. During your lifetime you will have the joy of knowing that whatever you do not use in this life will continue in ministry through your parish after your death. To leave your parish a bequest (e.g. will) or name it as a beneficiary (e.g. life insurance, an annuity), make sure your intentions are understood by providing as much identifying information as possible. Ideally, state the Legal Name, Tax ID Number, Address, City, State and Zip. Contact Kris at 816-979-3151 or kris@stsabinaparish.org with questions.

Catholic Home Mission Appeal - Jan 18-19

This weekend we 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.

Green Team Tip of the Week

Remember to take your reusable bags when shopping. Wash or wipe them clean as needed.

"John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, "A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me." I did not know him, but the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known to Israel.'" John 1: 29-31

Today's readings provide clear and inspiring reminders of the most fundamental aspect of our identity — that of servants of our most high and holy God, His modern-day disciples and stewards. John the Baptist recognized the holiness of Jesus and the response due to Him when he encountered Christ in person on the day they met at the Jordan River. His response, which we read in our Gospel passage from St. John was, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.'" What a powerful description of our Lord and the place He should rightfully have in each of our lives. He is truly our Savior, the only one who can free us from our sinfulness. We are utterly and completely dependent on His power, love and mercy. Therefore He truly does "rank ahead" of us; he deserves to be first, above all other priorities and plans in our lives. Let us examine our daily lives and encourage our children to do the same. — See more at www.catholicsteward.com/blog/.

Quarterly Financial Report

| | 2nd Quarter (Oct-Dec) | Year to Date (July '19-Dec '19) |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Income | | |
| Weekly Env | \$179,616.96 | \$341,952.96 |
| Weekly Plate | \$ 18,842.97 | \$ 34,796.52 |
| Holy Days | \$ 1,248.77 | \$ 2,209.54 |
| Maint/Upkeep | \$ 18,255.16 | \$ 32,194.44 |
| Gifts | \$ 31,714.64 | \$ 52,246.34 |
| Fund Raising/Misc. | \$ 3,500.15 | \$ 9,487.21 |
| Operational | \$ 11,915.11 | \$ 20,464.93 |
| Ministry & Program | \$ 587.89 | \$ 677.89 |
| Religious Ed | \$ 1,133.00 | \$ 5,274.00 |
| Miscellaneous | \$ 1,791.25 | \$ 2,091.85 |
| Total Income | \$268,605.90 | \$501,395.68 |
| Expenses | | |
| Salaries/Ben/FICA | \$150,043.43 | \$300,149.97 |
| Utilities | \$ 11,856.91 | \$ 30,315.36 |
| Facilities | \$ 7,450.91 | \$ 18,924.17 |
| Operational | \$ 11,750.10 | \$ 19,004.90 |
| Prayer & Worship | \$ 733.20 | \$ 1,793.28 |
| Monthly Diocese | \$ 46,272.00 | \$ 92,544.00 |
| Religious Ed | \$ 4,059.78 | \$ 6,912.24 |
| Youth Ministry | \$ 900.14 | \$ 900.14 |
| Pastoral Ministry | \$ 48.96 | \$ 88.46 |
| Extraordinary Exp | \$ 20.47 | \$ 9,247.77 |
| Total Expenses | \$233,135.90 | \$479,880.29 |
| Income Less Exp | \$ 35,470.00 | \$ 21,515.39 |



Stewardship

Congratulations to New Knights

Congratulations to two more men from our parish who became members of our Knights of Columbus Council here at St. Sabina by taking their First Degree on Monday, December 30th. Again, we invite all Catholic gentlemen 18 years and older to join our order. Call Corey Morgan, Grand Knight, at 816-349-0176 or Spencer Dreas, Membership Director, at 816-304-8729 for more information. Pictured are Richard Fields, Degree Member, Steve Imming, Efren Rodriguez, and Mark Hartig, Knights Deputy Director.



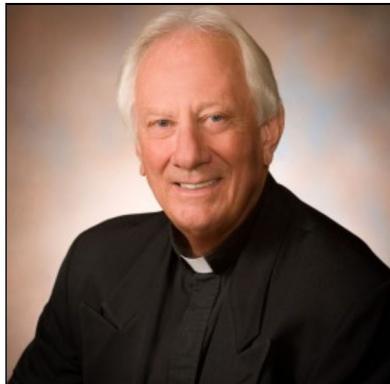
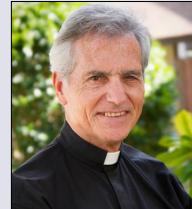
St. Sabina Fourth Annual Benefit Auction

Save the date! Please join us for a night of great food, fun and competitive bidding to support our parish and its ministries on Friday, May 1, 2020. More details to come.

We need your help! We are asking all parishioners to assist in procuring donations of new merchandise, sporting events, services, collectibles, time shares, entertainment, gift baskets, gift cards, or in-kind cash donations. Donations valued over \$75 will receive free advertising blocks in our auction catalog, up to a full-page ad depending on the item or service value. We also have plenty of volunteer opportunities! In addition to volunteers to help everything run smoothly during the auction, we will also need teams to help plan, procure, and decorate. If you can share your gifts with us in one of these ways, please contact the parish office.

Cross Catholic Outreach - January 26

Father Frank Iacona of Cross Catholic Outreach will be visiting our parish next weekend to speak at all the Masses on behalf of the poor in developing countries. Cross Catholic Outreach was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.



*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 February 12 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.

Parents Lounge

The Parents Lounge would like to welcome you and hope you can join us on Sundays at 9am, during the PSR hour in the education wing. It is a great opportunity to meet other parents and families of the parish. This ministry is just a few years old, but is slowly growing with new members, and we look forward to seeing where God leads us as a group this year.

Parents Lounge at St. Sabina is where we just gather together and talk. In past years we have had planned topics for discussion on occasion, but typically it is just informal discussion on anything from parenting subjects, kids' school events, vacation destinations, family events, local activities, etc. There is no long term commitment. Parents Lounge is a come as you want type meeting. Different events we have been involved in are: Trunk or Treat, Stuff the Turkey, family oriented Stations of the Cross during Lent, and summer activities such as bowling. Don't have any kids in PSR yet?? That's okay! Younger children are welcome to come. We have some toys and coloring books for the children to play together. Feel free to contact Anita Frey with questions. 816-804-3127 or afreyhome@sbcglobal.net.

saint snippets

I want to do all I can
to make God known
and loved.

Bl. Laura Vicuña

12-year old Chilean girl with a deep love for God. Weakened by physical abuse from the man her mother was living with, Laura passed away in 1904 as she called her mother to repentance.

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January 22

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:

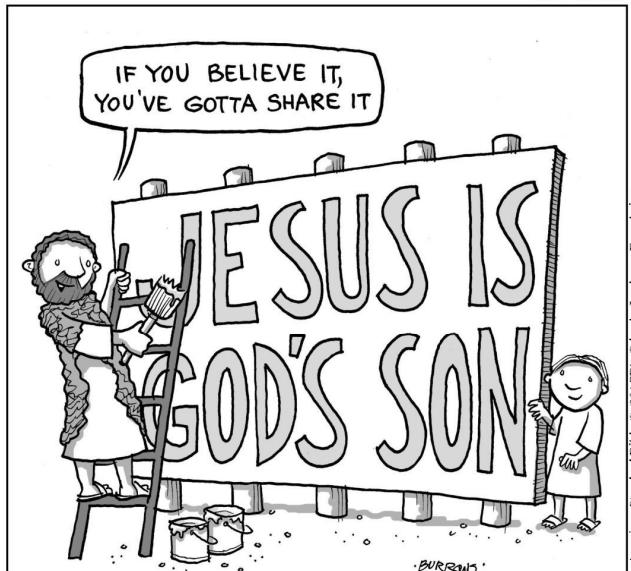
1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult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

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



John the Baptist saw Jesus coming to him and said,
"I myself have seen, and have testified
that this is the Son of God." Jn 1:34

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Reflection on the Readings

Last Sunday evening we began the season of Ordinary time. The first week of Ordinary Time begins on sundown on the evening of the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, typically celebrated on the Sunday after Epiphany. The feast of the Baptism of the Lord brings closure to the Christmas/Epiphany season, while at the same time initiates the season of Ordinary Time. The Baptism of Jesus links with both the Epiphany and the wedding feast of Cana, the first of Jesus' public signs according to the John's gospel, as one of the public manifestations of Jesus to the world. At the very same time, the feast of the Baptism of the Lord is the jumping off point for the public ministry of Jesus.

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time continues the theme of public witnessing to Jesus by selecting passages from John's gospel for all three cycles. This Sunday we hear the testimony of John the Baptist concerning his understanding of who Jesus is and what Jesus' ministry is about. Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world is a key identifier for John, the gospel writer. John the Baptist continues to testify that Jesus has been anointed by the Spirit and thus set aside to do God's work of justice. John the Baptist ultimately witnesses to Jesus as the Son of God.

The first reading from Isaiah is the second of the servant passages. The first servant passage was proclaimed as the first reading for the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Both servant passages outline different aspects of God's servant. Isaiah attributes the mission of the servant to the people Israel, as corporate personality. From the Christian perspective, we attribute Isaiah's servant identity and mission to

Jesus. Through this servant passage, Jesus is established as the "chosen one" of God and called to be "a light to the nations," thus enabling God's saving power to reach the whole world.

The refrain from Responsorial Psalm 40 echoes Jesus' response to his call as God's servant, "Here am I Lord; I come to do your will." The verses concretize what doing God's will entails. It necessitates having "ears open to obedience," having God's law "within my heart," and announcing God's "justice in the vast assembly." **It is this identity and mission which Jesus takes upon himself from the very beginning of his public ministry.**

The second reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians calls all those who have been "sanctified in Christ" to be holy. As Paul later explains, being "holy" means taking on the mind and heart of Christ. Vatican II proclaims that, regardless of one's life style, all the baptized have the same vocation, namely the call to holiness, specified as taking on the mind and heart of Christ. **For the Corinthians as well as for us, the baptismal call, commitment, and mission is exactly the same.**

The gospel passage from John has John the Baptist witness to the reality that Jesus not only has been anointed as servant by God,

but has also accepted that call and is beginning to carry it out.

John is a witness to that reality for all who would hear, continually affirming the superiority of Jesus' identity and mission over his. Unlike the other gospels, John the Baptist's ministry in John's gospel seems focused on pointing out Jesus to others, and being a living witness to Jesus' identity and mission

How do we, like John, witness to Jesus in our lives? How do we, like Jesus, respond to God's call in our lives to be "light to the nations"? Are we as ready and willing as Jesus was to have "ears open to obedience"

and to have God's law "within our hearts? As with Jesus, our own baptism calls us to that kind of response and commitment.



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Biagio Mazza
Pastoral Associate

Readings



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

Sunday, January 26

1st Reading: Isaiah 8:23—9:3
Psalm: Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14 (1a)
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17
Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

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 is Sunday, January 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 pasado domingo por la tarde, comenzamos la temporada del Tiempo Ordinario. La primera semana del Tiempo Ordinario comienza por la tarde en la fiesta del Bautismo del Señor, típicamente celebrada el domingo después de la Epifanía. **La fiesta del Bautismo de Jesús trae cierre a la temporada de Navidad/Epifanía, mientras tanto, inicia la temporada del Tiempo Ordinario.** El Bautismo de Jesús relaciona tanto con la Epifanía como la fiesta de boda en Caná, la primera de las manifestaciones públicas de Jesús al mundo. **Al mismo tiempo la fiesta del Bautismo del Señor es el punto de partida para el ministerio público de Jesús.**

El Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario continúa el tema del testimonio público de Jesús al seleccionar pasajes del evangelio de Juan para los tres ciclos. Este domingo escuchamos el testimonio de Juan el Bautista acerca de su comprensión de quién es Jesús y de qué es el ministerio de Jesús. Jesús como el Cordero de Dios que quita el pecado del mundo es un identificador clave para Juan, el escritor del Evangelio. Juan el Bautista continúa testificando que Jesús ha sido ungido por el Espíritu y por lo tanto puesto a un lado para hacer la obra de justicia de Dios. **Juan el Bautista , básicamente testifica a Jesús como el Hijo de Dios.**

La primera lectura de Isaías es el segundo de los pasajes del siervo. El primer pasaje del siervo fue proclamado como la primera lectura para la fiesta del Bautismo del Señor. Ambos pasajes del siervo describen diferentes aspectos del siervo de Dios. **Isaías atribuyó la misión del siervo al pueblo de Israel, como personalidad corporativa.** Desde la perspectiva cristiana, atribuimos la identidad y misión del siervo de Isaías a Jesús. A través de este pasaje del siervo, Jesús se establece como el "elegido" de Dios y llamado a ser "una luz para las naciones", permitiendo así que el poder salvador de Dios alcance el mundo entero.

El refrán del Salmo responsorial 39 se hace eco de la respuesta de Jesús a su llamado como siervo de Dios: "Aquí estoy, Señor, para hacer tu voluntad". Los versos concretan lo que incluye hacer la voluntad de Dios. Necesita tener "oídos abiertos", tener la ley de Dios "en las entrañas" y "proclamar la salvación ante la gran asamblea". **Es esta identidad y misión la que Jesús toma sobre sí mismo desde el comienzo de su ministerio público.**

La segunda lectura de la primera carta de Pablo a los Corintios llama a todos los que han sido "santificados en Cristo" para ser santos. Como Pablo explica más adelante, ser "santo" significa tomar

la mente y el corazón de Cristo. El Vaticano II proclama que, independientemente de su estilo de vida, todos los bautizados tienen la misma vocación, es decir, el llamado a la santidad, que se especifica como tomarse la mente y el corazón de Cristo. **Tanto para los corintios como para nosotros, la llamada bautismal, el compromiso y la misión son exactamente los mismos.**

El pasaje del evangelio de Juan tiene el testimonio de Juan el Bautista a la realidad de que Jesús no sólo ha sido ungido como siervo de Dios, sino que también ha aceptado ese llamado y está comenzando a llevárselo a cabo. Juan es un testigo de esa realidad para todos los que oirían, afirmando continuamente la superioridad de la identidad y misión de Jesús sobre la suya. A diferencia de otros Evangelios, el ministerio de Juan el Bautista en el Evangelio de Juan parece centrado en señalar a Jesús a los demás y ser un testimonio vivo de la identidad y misión de Jesús

Como Juan, ¿Cómo testificamos a Jesús en nuestras vidas? ¿Cómo respondemos, como Jesús, a la llamada de Dios en nuestras vidas para ser "luz a las naciones"? ¿Estamos tan listos y dispuestos como Jesús a tener "oídos abiertos" y a tener la ley de Dios "en nuestras entrañas"? **Al igual que con Jesús, nuestro propio bautismo nos llama a ese tipo de respuesta y compromiso.**

Al entrar en la temporada del Tiempo Ordinario, viajamos con Jesús mientras proclama la paz y la justicia de Dios al mundo. Seamos gente de paz y justicia. Tomemos nuestra unción bautismal en el Espíritu como un claro llamado de Dios para que la luz de Dios brille en cada rincón de nuestro mundo. **Comprométase hoy a hacer la voluntad de Dios.**

**Biagio Mazza
Asociado Pastoral**

Lecturas



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

Lecturas del Domingo, 26 de Enero

Primera Lectura: Isaías 8:23—9:3
Salmo: Salmo 26:1, 4, 13-14
Segunda Lectura: 1 Corintios 1:10-13, 17
Evangelio: Mateo 4:12-23

Ministerio Juvenil/Información

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 12 de febrero de 7 a 8:30 pm en el Salón Parroquial.

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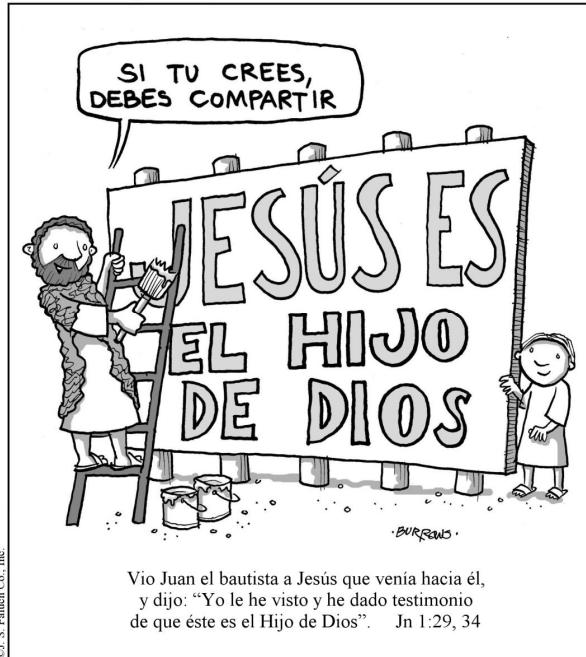
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En Nuestro Video ¿Sabes...? de Esta Semana:

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