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Parishioner Nancy Amfahr visits with Pastor Damon Brewington and his wife, Bev, from the Believers in Glory of Jesus Christ church at the ecumenical service on Monday, January 20. More pictures from this event on page 4.

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.**

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 26, 2020

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Intentions for January 27-31, 2020

Mon.	8am	Communion Service
Tues.	11am	Communion Service
Wed.	8am	Communion Service
Thurs.	8am	Communion Service
Fri.	8am	Communion Service

Saturday, February 1, 2020

4:00pm †David Honigman

Sunday, February 2, 2020

8:00am	†Mary Perkins
10:30am	Intentions of our Parish Family
12:30pm Spanish	†Aurelio Arenivas
	†Joel Perez López

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

†Jose Lucio Alonzo, brother of Juan Alonzo

†Doris Shields, mother of John Shields,
grandmother of Alan and Jeff Shields



Calendar/Information

Sunday, January 26 - Domingo, 26 de Enero

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

Monday, January 27 - Lunes, 27 de Enero

- 8:00am Communion Service
- 10:00am Uplift Cooking
- 4:00pm Uplift Delivery
- 6:30pm Cub Scout Den Meeting
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, January 28 - Martes, 28 de Enero

- 7:00pm Living Stones

Wednesday, January 29 - Miércoles, 29 de Enero

- 9:00am Legion of Mary
- 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (4:00 and 10:30 groups)

Thursday, January 30 - Jueves, 30 de Enero

- 6:45am High School Youth Donuts and Prayer
- 9:30am Piecemakers Quilt Group
- 7:00pm RCIA/RICA
- 8:00pm Choir Practice (8am Group)

Friday, January 31- Viernes, 31 de Enero

No Scheduled Events

Saturday, February 1 - Sábado, 1 de Febrero

- 3:00pm Confessions

Sunday, February 2 - Domingo, 2 de Febrero

Donut Sunday

- 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.

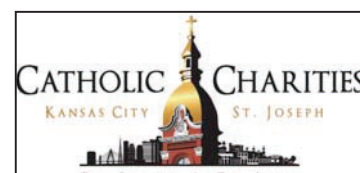


Prayer and Life Workshop Begins Feb 12th

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

Thinking about what to do for Lent this year? Prayer, fasting and almsgiving are the cornerstones of this season of prayer. Watch for our Lenten program in your email or via our social media and spend some time with Catholic Charities as part of your Lenten observance. We will have stories, reflections and ways to express your faith through serving others. Contact Nancy Butters, Development Manager at 816-659-8266 or nbutters@ccharities.com to assure that you are on our email list!



Information

This Week's Do You Know Video:

In Lectionary Year A we proclaim the Gospel of Matthew. During Ordinary Time in winter, the Sundays between the Baptism of the Lord and the beginning of Lent, the gospel readings focus on Matthew's first of five major discourses, the Sermon on the Mount, chapters 5-7. Matthew images Jesus as the new Moses, who does not do away with Moses' Torah or teaching, but rather deepens, expands and broadens the Torah to be more inclusive of what God originally intended. Matthew insists that it is not enough to say, "Lord, Lord," but one must show it in deeds and actions. Doing is just as important as saying and believing. The Sermon on the Mount, beginning with the Beatitudes, emphasizes the act of doing and not just saying. Make time to view this week's DYK video and reflect on how you follow through on the teachings of the Sermon on the Mount.



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.

happy birthday

Lonnie Anthony	Roman Harder	Teresa Rodriguez
Barbara Atkinson	Guerrero Hinojos	Carlos Ruiz
Heyden Bautista	Zulema Hinojos	Sandra Ruiz
Serena Bays	Angel Jaimes	Marisol Salinas
Beatriz Bravo	Jesse Jakobe	Chuck Sellmeyer
Jesus Bretado	Lillian Kopek	Alan Shields
Monica Burgin	Terri Krueger	Jose Solis
Constantino Cantu	Joe Lewis	Mia Soriano
Sttefany Cartagena	Hugo Lopez	Candelaria Soto
Maricela Chavez	Lorena Lopez	Jayden Sowers
Teresa Chavez	Raul Lopez	Juana Talamantes
Molly Chevalier	Julio Madrid	Shirley Tolbert
Ariadne Coronado	Abril Madrid	Pamela Torres
Monte Crosby	Bryan Mancia	Melody Valenzuela
Kimberly Cruz	Jane Nouryeh	Elena Valles
Angel Fuentes	Jakeline Pocasangre	Maria Velazquez
Savannah Fuss	Gabriel Pinon	Brad Votava
Luis Gomez	Austin Pritchett	Kaitlin Wathor
Kevin Gray	Raul Quinones	Doug Wink
Asbiel Gress	Margarita Rodelo	Matthew Zamudio
Maria Guardado	Edgar Rodriguez	Jose Zavala
Frank Hansel	Manuel Rodriguez	

Happy Anniversary

Gene & Viola Krein	51 Years!	02/01/1969
Marvin & Janice Glendening	49 Years!	01/31/1971
Mauro & Teresa Hernandez	36 Years!	01/29/1984
Myron & Diane Daldrup	28 Years!	02/01/1992
Sergio Ramos & Guadalupe Ayala	23 Years!	02/08/1997
Roberto Garcia & Mercedes Guzman	13 Years!	01/28/2007
Felipe Cedillo & Doris Rodriguez	9 Years!	01/29/2011

Pictured below members and pastors of our community, of various Christian faiths, gathered together on January 20 for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.



Pastoral Care

Nursing Home Mass Schedule

Jan 29	8:00am	St. Sabina (5th Wed)
Feb 5	10:30am	Beautiful Savior
Feb 12	10:30am	Benton House

Six Week Grief Recovery Group Registration

Grief and loss are a vital part of being alive. If you love, sooner or later you will lose, and you will grieve. St. Sabina Grief Ministry will offer an Adult Mutual Self-Help Recovery Group beginning Tuesday morning, February 25, from 10-11:30 am. This group consists of six, 90 minute sessions. Each session is designed around a particular focus. Session one will focus on getting acquainted with the other participants and their grief stories. Advanced registration is required. Maximum group size is nine. For information or to register, please contact Marta Roper at 816-979-3154 or marta@stsabinaprish.org.

Consciously remembering those who have died is the key that opens our hearts, which allows us to love them in a new way.

TV Mass for the Homebound

Mass is broadcast on KMCI, channel 38 at 7:00 am Sundays. Is someone you love unable to join us at church? For the faithful at home or in healthcare settings, the Heart of the Nation Sunday TV Mass brings spiritual comfort. Please invite anyone you know who cannot get out to church to tune in to Catholic Mass on TV or watch online anytime on Sundays at www.HeartoftheNation.org.

Prayer Requests/Peticiones de Oración

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

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

1-800-273-TALK (8255) Available 24/7

ACI Mental Health Crisis Hotline: 1-888-279-8188

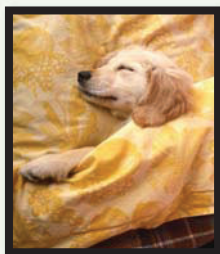
Wellness Center

Did You Know? There are several shortcuts to better eating. Small steps to change can have a lasting impact. This week, try three simple tips.



Tip 1 - Consume 25% to 75% of your food as vegetables. Remember, last week the tip from the Wellness Center was to experiment with new fruits and vegetables. Try one of your *newfound* favorites.

Tip 2 - Drink hot water with lemon to boost your immune system and assist with your digestion.



Tip 3 - Do not eat within two hours before going to bed.

We've got more tips and tricks so come visit the Wellness Center and let us help you discover more shortcuts to better health. We are your partner for positive change.....one step at a time!!



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Stewardship

"As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, 'Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.' At once they left their nets and followed him."

Matthew 4:18-20

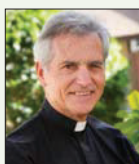
There is a certain urgency that comes with the call to a stewardship way of life as we see in our Gospel passage from Matthew. Jesus says, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." In other words, turn away from selfishness, turn towards God and live as His disciple now — don't wait! In this same passage, the very first disciples give us examples of a good steward's prompt "yes" when the Lord called to them. Our Lord invites them to "Come after me and I will make you fishers of men." They did not hesitate but "immediately left their boat and followed him." They put our Lord and His will first. This is the essence of a stewardship way of life — to be always ready for the ways our Lord is calling us to bring His light to others. It's more than something we do. It's who we are. — See more at www.catholicsteward.com/blog/.

Contributions for January 19

Envelopes/Sobres:	\$12,102.00
Plate/Canasta:	\$ 1,408.21
Maintenance-Upkeep:	\$ 811.00
Catholic Home Mission:	\$ 1,923.57

Cross Catholic Outreach - January 26

We welcome Father Frank Iacona of Cross Catholic Outreach who is speaking this weekend at all 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 priest and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.



Fr. Frank Iacona was born in the hills of Montelepre, Sicily, near Palermo, but his family left for a better life; first to Canada then to the U.S. He grew up in Detroit where he began his professional career as a teacher, lawyer and CPA. His career path led to the "good life" but he hungered for more, which led him to the inner city of Indianapolis working with the poor, seniors and widows. Fr. Iacona was ordained on Jan 4, 2002 and is a priest in the Diocese of St. George's-in-Grenada. As an itinerant preacher, he strives to raise funds for the poor and to awaken the Christ in those in the pews. His guide and spiritual quest: Peace and joy, by affirming and giving thanks for the blessings in each of us. As it is said, "No God, no peace. Know God, know peace. To know God, look for the good in you and others."

Plan Your Legacy and Receive Income Charitable Gift Annuity

The diocese sponsors a charitable gift annuity program for donors 65 or older willing to make a gift of at least \$5,000 that will eventually pass to a parish, ministry or the diocese. In return for a gift that will pass after death, a charitable gift annuity generates fixed payments for life to you (and/or someone you designate). The annuity will replace and may increase the cash flow from the assets used to fund it.

How does it work?

The annuity is a simple contract between you and the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph. Annuity payments are a general obligation of the diocese. You may fund your annuity with cash or appreciated property. All property accepted to fund a gift annuity is invested by the diocese to support annuity payments. The amount you receive as income is determined by the amount you contribute and your age; the older you are, the higher your payment rate. Gift annuity rates are those set by the Board of the American Council of Gift Annuities. Payments are generally made quarterly.

Tax Treatment

- If you are one of the annuitants and you fund the annuity with appreciated securities, there is no upfront capital gains tax.
- Your initial contribution is eligible for a charitable tax deduction, if your tax situation allows.
- A portion of each payment is a tax-free return of your principal. If funded with appreciated securities, the taxable portion is taxed at the capital gain rates.

For more information and a personalized illustration, contact **Laura Gray**, Director of Planned Giving, 816-714-2363 or gray@diocesekcsj.org. Please consult with your own attorney and other professional advisors regarding your personal tax and financial situation.

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



Green Team Tip of the Week

Old cell phones can be recycled at police stations, cell phone provider stores or saved for the Green Team electronic recycling.



Stewardship

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.

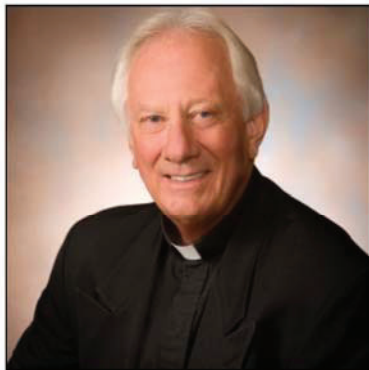


Focus on Ministry

Each month we will be highlighting one of our many parish ministries. Please take this opportunity to read about the ministries offered at our parish. If you are interested in volunteering, or simply want more information, please reach out to the contact person listed at the bottom of the ministry highlight.

Piecemakers Quilting and Sewing Group

Every Thursday from 9:30am – 1pm our Piecemakers group gathers in the Juan Diego Room to work on their quilting and sewing projects. Each person brings a project they're working on and a sack lunch, and they enjoy the morning sewing and visiting. Several of the members have been making hats and scarves and they've donated them to local police departments, families living in poverty in Honduras, and to our Jesse Tree, which benefits local families, as well as the homeless through Uplift Organization. In 2019, over 1,000 hats and scarves were made by Shirley Tolbert, Louise McNelly and Berenice Zayas. Thank you to those that donated yarn for this project; and yes, more donated yarn means that this project can continue. To donate yarn, please drop it at off at the parish office and we will get it to the quilters. If you'd like to come for a fun morning of sewing and fellowship, bring a project and a sack lunch and join this great group any Thursday morning. For more information, please contact the parish office at 816-331-4713. Pictured left is Shirley Tolbert in her living room surrounded by the many hats and scarves she made in 2019.



*Parish Mission with
Fr. Dick Gielow*

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

Youth Ministry

PSR News

Parent Meetings for First Communion will be on February 9 at 9:30am in English and 11:30am in Spanish.

Youth News

Junior High Youth! Our next meeting is Wednesday, February 5 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.

Junior High Lock In!! On February 22nd at 8pm we will leave St. Sabina and head to St. Margaret Parish for a Youth Mass. We will then go to Legacy Park for our Lock In where we will be joined by several other Catholic churches from our Diocese. There will be a pool, open gym for basketball and volleyball as well as racket ball courts, a movie and board games room and of course, pizza and snacks!! Boys are asked to bring a bag of chips and girls are asked to bring a package of cookies to share, all are asked to also bring a 2 liter of soda. The cost of the event is \$20 per person. I do need help with driving and chaperoning this event and ask that if any parents or parishioners who have completed the Virtus screening would like to help, please contact Kirstie in the Youth Office. We will return to St. Sabina at 6am on Sunday, February 23rd. All of the details are also on the permission slip which will be handed out at our next meeting and are currently available on the parish website. If your child plans to bring a friend, please have them get a permission slip, too.

YOUTH GROUP

saint snippets



God, into your hands receive my spirit.

Bl. Benedict Daswa
South African school principal, husband, and father of eight who was murdered in 1990 after refusing to fund anti-Catholic witchcraft superstitions.

February 1

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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



As Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who was called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Mt 4:18-19

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Reflection on the Readings

At this time of the year, we begin to experience days with more daylight and sunshine. **For most people, longer daylight and more awareness of the sun's presence brings with it renewed energy, new awareness of things, and renewed hope for better days to come.** This year, the beginning of the season of Ordinary Time plays on these very themes and emotions.

The season of Ordinary Time plunges us into the public ministry of Jesus, as we journey with him from his ministry in Galilee to his passion, death and resurrection in Jerusalem. The first two Sundays of Ordinary Time typically focus on Jesus' baptism and on John the Baptist's public testimony to Jesus as the Lamb of God come to take away the sin of the world. **This third Sunday compares the public presence of Jesus among us to that of "a great light" shining in the midst of darkness, bringing with it new awareness, new energy and a new way of being.**

The refrain from Responsorial Psalm 27 captures that focus as it invites us to sing and celebrate the reality that "The Lord is my light and my salvation." Because of this faith stance, we have nothing to fear. Rather that light activates in us the desire to draw closer to it, engendering a desire "to dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life." **For Christians, it is the Lord, actively present in the person of Jesus, who is our source of light and life, calling us to intimate union.** It is the Lord upon whom we place our trust and our hope, knowing that we will never be disappointed.

Isaiah speaks to the people in the land of Zebulun and Naphtali, the northern tribes of Israel who were in darkness because of the Assyrian occupation of the land. They had lost all hope of rescue and liberation, which Isaiah beautifully captures with the image of a people walking in darkness and dwelling in a land of gloom. **Isaiah boldly tells the people to trust in the Lord their God who will not allow them to live in darkness forever, but will eventually restore the people to their land.**

Then the "people who walked in darkness" will see and experience "a great light," while "anguish has taken wing, dispelled is darkness." From Matthew's community faith perspective, Jesus venturing out to begin

his public ministry is that "great light" who dispels the darkness and gloom of night. **Matthew quotes Isaiah's words from the first reading, interpreting them as prophetic words fulfilled in the person and ministry of Jesus.** For Matthew's community, the darkness and gloom of their lives is thoroughly dispelled in the person and ministry of Jesus. In and through Jesus, they are invited and called to be light to all they encounter.

According to Matthew, Jesus' agenda after his baptism and time of temptation and reflection spent in the desert, is to call and gather followers. They, like him, are called to minister to all of God's people, reflecting the hope, light and life that have their source in the Lord. **The reading ends with Jesus and his newly called disciples going "around all of Galilee" teaching, preaching the good news of the reign of God, and "curing every disease and illness."** The Lord is indeed "my light and my salvation."

The second reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians continues with Paul encouraging that community to dispel the darkness of division and separation by being united in the light that is Christ. **It is only in taking on the wisdom of Christ that we dispel the darkness of our ignorance, division and disunity.**

In our baptism, we have been called to be the light of Christ to others. That light is to radiate from us offering hope, life and love to all. **Reflect on how the light of Christ shines from you in your daily encounters with all you meet.** Given what is happening in our world and country, we need all the light of Christ that we can activate. **Pray that, like Jesus, you might be a source of light continually dispelling darkness and gloom.**

Biagio Mazza
Pastoral Associate

Readings



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

Sunday, February 2

1st Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

Psalm: Psalm 24:7, 8, 9, 10 (8)

2nd Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

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, February 9 and 23 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

En esta época del año, comenzamos a ver días con más luz y sol. **Para la mayoría de la gente, mas luz del día y más conciencia de la presencia del sol trae consigo una energía renovada, una nueva conciencia de las cosas y una esperanza renovada para días mejores.** Este año, el comienzo de la temporada del Tiempo Ordinario refleja estos mismos temas y emociones.

La temporada del Tiempo Ordinario nos sumerge en el ministerio público de Jesús, mientras que viajamos con él desde su ministerio en Galilea hasta su pasión, muerte y resurrección en Jerusalén. Los dos primeros domingos del Tiempo Ordinario suelen centrarse en el bautismo de Jesús y en el testimonio público de Juan el Bautista a Jesús como el Cordero de Dios que viene a quitar el pecado del mundo. **Este tercer domingo compara la presencia pública de Jesús entre nosotros con la de "una gran luz" que brilla en medio de la oscuridad, trayendo consigo nueva conciencia, nueva energía y una nueva forma de ser.**

El estribillo del Salmo Responsorial 26 capta ese enfoque, ya que nos invita a cantar y celebrar la realidad de que "El Señor es mi luz y mi salvación". Debido a esta postura de fe, no tenemos nada que temer. Más bien, esa luz activa en nosotros el deseo de acercarnos a ella, engendrando el deseo de "habitar en la casa del Señor por los días de mi vida". **Para los cristianos, es el Señor, presente activamente en la persona de Jesús, que es nuestra fuente de luz y vida, llamándonos a la unión íntima.** Es el Señor sobre quien depositamos nuestra confianza y nuestra esperanza, sabiendo que nunca nos decepcionaremos.

Isaías habla al pueblo en las tierras de Zabulón y de Neftalí, las tribus del norte de Israel que estaban en tinieblas debido a la ocupación asiria de la tierra. Habían perdido toda esperanza de rescate y liberación, lo cual Isaías captura maravillosamente con la imagen de un pueblo caminando en tinieblas y habitando en una tierra de tristeza. **Isaías audazmente le dice a la gente que confíe en el Señor su Dios que no les permitirá vivir en tinieblas para siempre, sino que finalmente restaurará a la gente a su tierra.**

Entonces el "pueblo que caminaba en tinieblas" verá "una gran luz", mientras que "la angustia ha tomado alas, disipada es la oscuridad." Desde la perspectiva de la fe de la comunidad de Mateo, Jesús se aventura a comenzar su ministerio público es esa "gran luz" que disipa las tinieblas y la oscuridad de la noche. **Mateo cita las palabras de Isaías de la primera lectura, interpretándolas como palabras proféticas**

cumplidas en la persona y ministerio de Jesús. Para la comunidad de Mateo, la oscuridad y la tristeza de sus vidas se disipan completamente en la persona y el ministerio de Jesús. En y a través de Jesús, son invitados y llamados a ser luz a todos los que encuentran.

Según Mateo, la agenda de Jesús después de su bautismo y tiempo de tentación y reflexión que pasó en el desierto, es llamar y reunir seguidores. Ellos, como él, están llamados a ministrar a todo el pueblo de Dios, reflejando la esperanza, la luz y la vida que tienen su fuente en el Señor. **La lectura termina con Jesús y sus recién llamados discípulos andando "por toda Galilea" enseñando, predicando las buenas nuevas del reino de Dios, y "curando toda enfermedad y dolencia".** El Señor si que es "mi luz y mi salvación".

La segunda lectura de la primera carta de Pablo a los Corintios continúa con Pablo animando a esa comunidad a disipar la oscuridad de la división y la separación al estar unidos en la luz que es Cristo. **Es sólo al asumir la sabiduría de Cristo que disipamos la oscuridad de nuestra ignorancia, división y desunión.**

En nuestro bautismo, hemos sido llamados a ser la luz de Cristo para los demás. Esa luz debe irradiar de nosotros ofreciendo esperanza, vida y amor a todos. **Reflexione sobre cómo la luz de Cristo brilla de usted en sus encuentros cotidianos con todos los que encuentra.** Debido a todo lo que está pasando en nuestro mundo y país, necesitamos toda la luz de Cristo que se puede activar. **Ore para que, como Jesús, usted sea una fuente de luz que disipa continuamente la oscuridad y la tristeza.**

**Biagio Mazza,
Asociado Pastoral**

Lecturas



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

Lecturas del Domingo, 2 de Febrero

Primera Lectura: Malaquías 3, 1-4

Salmo: Salmo 23, 7, 8, 9, 10

Segunda Lectura: Hebreos 2, 14-18

Evangelio: Lucas 2, 22-40

Noticias de la Escuela de Religión

Las Reuniones de Padres para la Primera Comunión serán el 9 de febrero a las 9:30 am en inglés y 11:30 am en español.

Noticias de los Jóvenes

¡Jóvenes de la Middle School! Nuestra próxima reunión será el 5 de febrero 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.

¡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.

¡Noche de Deportes para los de la Middle School! El 22 de febrero a las 8pm saldremos de Santa Sabina e iremos a la Parroquia de St. Margaret para una Misa juvenil. Luego iremos a Legacy Park para nuestra noche de deportes, donde nos unirán varias otras iglesias católicas de nuestra diócesis. Habrá una alberca, gimnasio abierto para baloncesto y voleibol, así como canchas de raquetas, una sala de cine y juegos de mesa y, por supuesto, ¡pizza y bocadillos! Se les pide a los jóvenes varones que traigan una bolsa de sabritas y a las jóvenes que traigan un paquete de galletas para compartir, también se les pide a todos que traigan un refresco de 2 litros. El costo del evento es de \$20 por persona. Necesito conductores y acompañantes para este evento y pido que si algún padre o feligrés que haya completado la evaluación de Virtus y quisiera ayudar, que se comunice con Kirstie en la Oficina de Jóvenes. Regresaremos a Santa Sabina a las 6 am el domingo 23 de febrero. Todos los detalles también se encuentran en la hoja de permiso que se entregará en la próxima reunión y ya están disponibles en el sitio web. Si su hijo planea traer a un amigo, también necesitarán una hoja permiso.

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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/>

Los Más Pequeños

Jim Burrows



Y andando junto al mar de Galilea, vio Jesús a dos hermanos, Simón, llamado Pedro, y Andrés su hermano, echando una red al mar, porque eran pescadores. Y les dijo: "Seguidme, y yo os haré pescadores de hombres". Mt 4:18-19

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recortes de los santos

Señor, recibe en tus manos mi espíritu.

Beato Benedicto Daswa
Sudafricano, director de escuela, esposo y padre de ocho hijos. Fue asesinado en 1990 después de rehusarse a financiar supersticiones de brujería anticatólica.

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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.

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Juan 14, 6



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En esta foto aparece Flor Trejo, Maria Palomares y Ailyn en el servicio ecuménico para la Semana de Oración para la Unidad de los Cristianos el lunes, 20 de enero.

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