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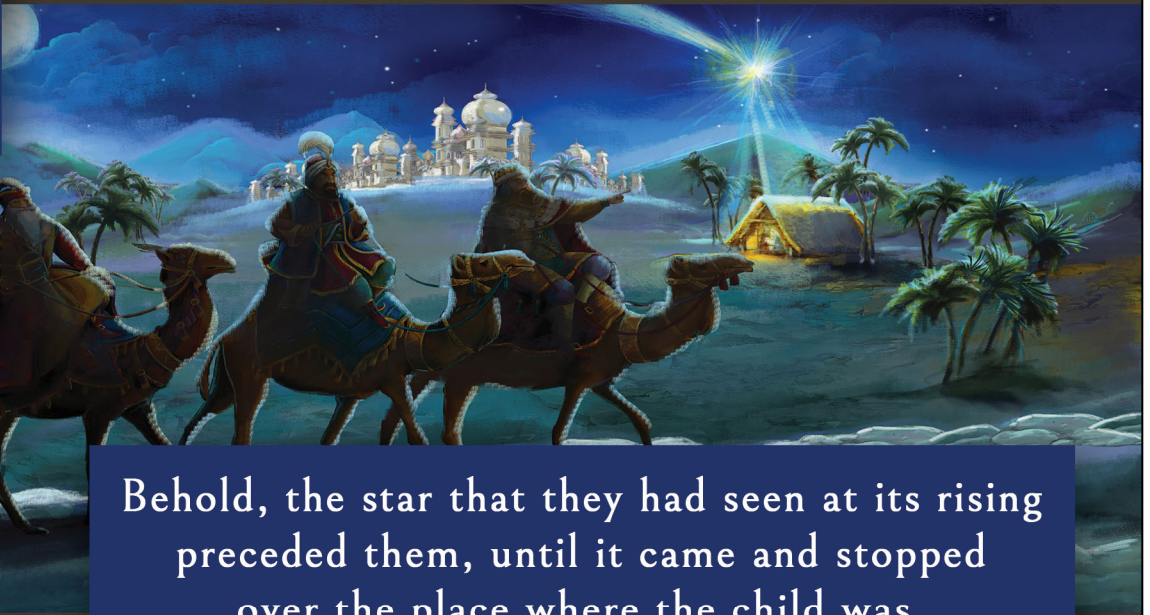


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Remember, Renew, Rejoice...

January
05
2020

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Behold, the star that they had seen at its rising
preceded them, until it came and stopped
over the place where the child was.

Matthew 2:9

The Epiphany of the Lord

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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

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Mass times.**

Epiphany of the Lord

January 5, 2020

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Intentions for January 6-10, 2020

Mon.	8am	Communion Service
Tues.	11am	†George Bremer
Wed.	10:30am	†Kaye Birkenbach (Benton House)
Thurs.	8am	†Jerrie Holden
Fri.	8am	†Frances Andregg

Saturday, January 11, 2020

4:00pm	†Theo Suwito
	†Felix Suwito

Sunday, January 12, 2020

8:00am	†Darrell Littler
10:30am	Intentions of Our Parish Families
	In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony
12:30pm Spanish	†Victor Torres

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

†**Jerrie Holden**, wife of John Holden

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

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



Calendar/PSR Christmas Party

Sunday, January 5- Domingo, 5 de Enero

Christmas Light Recycle/Reciclaje de Luces Navideñas

Roses for Life/Rosas para la Vida

9:00am PSR/Parents Lounge

11:00am Boy Scouts Religious Emblem Class

11:00am Ensayo del Coro Hispano

11:00am Escuela de Religión/Piñatas

1:30pm Los Reyes Magos

3:00pm Search Team Meeting/Equipo Search

7:00pm Confirmation and High School Youth Group



Monday, January 6 - Lunes, 6 de Enero

6:30pm Cub Scout Den Meeting

7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, January 7 - Martes, 7 de Enero

7:00pm Living Stones

Wednesday, January 8 - Miércoles, 8 de Enero

9:00am Legion of Mary

10:30am Mass at Benton House

5:00pm Finance Council Meeting

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

7:00pm Faith Formation Offering

7:00pm Junior High Youth Group

7:00pm Knights Business Meeting



Thursday, January 9 - Jueves, 9 de Enero

6:45am High School Youth Donuts and Prayer

9:30am Piecemakers Quilt Group

10:00am Faith Formation Offering

7:00pm Baptism Prep

7:00pm Cantor Rehearsal

7:00pm RCIA/RICA

7:00pm Cub Scout Committee Meeting

Friday, January 10 - Viernes, 10 de Enero

9:00am Altar Society Church Cleaning

Saturday, January 11 - Sábado, 11 de Enero

3:00pm Confessions

Sunday, January 12- Domingo, 12 de Enero

9:00am PSR/Parents Lounge

10:30am Bible Study

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



Information

This Week's Do You Know Video:

The Magi story, unique to Matthew's gospel, is Matthew's way of saying to his audience that Jesus, God-with-us, came not only for the Jews but for all non-Jews as well, namely Gentiles. The story tells of magi, or astrologers, from the East, meaning of Gentile origin, who followed a star in search of the new born king of the Jews, who would bring peace and harmony to all humanity. They finally locate the baby in a house in Bethlehem and offer him their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, after which they return home. Over the centuries, the Christian community significantly embellished the meager details of the original. Based on other biblical passages and devotional imagination, the magi were turned into kings, there were three of them based on the gifts given, they represented all of humanity in ages and ethnicity, and they were even given names. Make time to view this week's DYK video and explore the reasons why the Christian community delighted in embellishing the original magi story.



happy birthday

Jacob Aguayo	Caroline Henkhaus	Liliana Pinon
Yesika Benavides	Citlaly Hernandez	Josafat Placencia
Michael Biondo	Jacob Hughes	Erandi Placencia
Nick Biondo	Garrett Huntsman	Lily Pointer
Roberto Bretado	Cristin Ibarra	Diana Ramirez
Jeremy Brewer	Tom Iseman	Damiana Ramirez
Kylie Brewer	Jim Krezek	Reina Razo
Galilea Carpio-Rodriguez	Kalen Kronk	Patricia Rellihan
Margie Castonguay	Marina Lopez	Greys Rodriguez
Melissa Coleman	Graciela Lopez	America Rodriguez
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Elly Dillon	Alan Menjivar	Cheryl Rugerio
Rose Falco	Jose Menjivar	Marie Ryherd
Mia Fiallos	Annaleigh Morgan	Jeremiah Samson
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Abigail Grantham	Lori Overhaug	Paschal Smith
Kevin Guzman	Michele Pinkowski	Leopolda Vasquez Jimenez
Aubree Hendrix		Helen Zmuda

Calling all Marriage Encounter Couples...

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is offering an afternoon of enrichment, for any couple that has experienced a Marriage Encounter Weekend, on Saturday, January 18, 2020 from 1:00 - 4:15pm at the Precious Blood Center, 2130 Saint Gaspar Way, Liberty, Missouri. Entitled "Lighting the Way Together - Castles to Lighthouses", the afternoon will reinvigorate your communication and rekindle the love in your relationship. Mass will be celebrated at 4:30pm with a free willing offering to defray the program costs. For more information or to RSVP, email Rich & Wendy Lorenz at wendyteach3@yahoo.com by January 10th.

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 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.

Happy Anniversary

Jim and Patty Krezek	55 Years!	1/8/1965
William and Bonnie Becker	54 Years!	1/8/1966
Tom and Mary Stout	42 Years!	1/7/1978
Scott and Laurie Sigman	29 Years!	1/12/1991
Ruben Oropeza and Hortensia Vazquez	17 Years!	1/6/2003
Juan Alas and Maria Delgado	3 Years!	1/7/2017

Baptism Prep - January 9 at 7pm

Baptism Preparation Class is scheduled for Thursday, January 9 at 7pm in the conference room of the parish hall. To register for this class, please contact Kris at 816-979-3151 or kris@stsabinaparish.org for a baptism application, or download one from our website at <http://stsabinaparish.org/sacraments/>.



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Pastoral Care

Nursing Home Mass Schedule

Jan 8	10:30am	Benton House of Raymore
Jan 15	10:00am	Foxwood Springs
Jan 22	11:00am	Carnegie Village

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

Did You Know-- The World Health Organization defines health as “not merely the absence of disease or infirmity, but a state of complete physical well-being.” Wellness is much more than the absence of illness; it is creating health-promoting behaviors to achieve your full potential. In other words, wellness is the pursuit of your best possible health and well-being.

The Wellness Center is a free resource to help you achieve your best possible health and well-being. Come for a health screening, visit with a health coach and create a personalized plan to help you improve your health and join us for fitness classes. We are here to serve you!!

In 2020, our goal is to improve the health and well-being of the parish. Come join us and help us reach our goal!!



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

Due to early bulletin deadlines, the December 22 contributions will be listed in our January 12 bulletin.

Contributions for December 29

Due to early bulletin deadlines, the December 29 contributions will be listed in our January 12 bulletin.

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



Planned Gift

Make passing on your Catholic heritage your first resolution of this new year. Your planned gift to our parish makes you an eternal steward of our Church. For more information, contact Kris with questions. Or, contact Laura Gray at gray@diocesekcsj.org, 816-714-2363.

Catholic Key Appeal - January 4-5

Our second collection on January 4-5 will be to support our diocesan newspaper, The Catholic Key. If you would like to receive a copy of the diocesan newspaper, (or renew your subscription) you may use your envelope in your packet to give an offering of \$25. The diocese requires that 35% of our parish families receive the Catholic Key. If you currently receive the Key at no cost to you, that means the parish is paying for your subscription. Please consider subscribing to the Key to help offset the costs to the parish.

Green Team Tip of the Week

What are you willing to do to be more environmentally friendly in 2020? <https://greenabilitymagazine.com/blog/2019/01/green-life-9-new-years-resolutions/>.

"They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.
Matthew 2: 10-11

Our Gospel passage from Matthew has much to teach us about stewardship, through the actions of the magi. As good stewards, the magi were watching for manifestations of God's presence in their lives. "We have seen the star at its rising," they say. Good stewards are keenly aware of the "star" of God's presence and His gifts in their lives. It is this awareness that fills them with gratitude and the desire to both worship God and share His gifts with others. The magi, upon seeing the manifestation of God's presence in their lives, "were overjoyed." Good stewards, who live with the awareness of God's presence and gifts to them, simply can't help but be filled with joy. Not necessarily the fleeting and superficial kind of joy the world promises through wealth or power, but rather the deep, unalterable joy only God can give. Finally, the magi were so filled with awe upon encountering the newborn Jesus, they prostrated themselves before him and "opened their treasures and offered him gifts." This is precisely why good stewards generously share their material gifts—as a loving act of worship to an extravagantly loving God. — See more at www.catholicsteward.com/blog/.

Thank you to all who helped decorate the church for Christmas!



Stewardship/Parish Happenings



Congratulations to Bob Coshun, who earned the Knights of Columbus' Don Bannerman Service Award; Michael Dailey, who earned the Knight of the Year Award; and John Clark, first quarter Knight of the Quarter, Cooper Tracy (not pictured), second quarter Knight of the Quarter, Jerry Stella (not pictured), third quarter Knight of the Quarter and John Berryman, fourth quarter Knight of the Quarter! Pictured Grand Knight, Corey Morgan, presents these gentlemen with their awards.



*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 8 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. If any returning Peer Ministers would like to join the Team for Search this year, please contact Kirstie Roberts immediately.



Special thank you to Trey, Sam, Daniel, Katlyn and the peer ministers who stuffed stockings with all kinds of goodies, to be delivered on the Uplift trucks to our homeless brothers and sisters in Kansas City! Good work, guys!

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God sees every one of us.
He creates every soul
for a purpose.

St. John Neumann
19th-century Redemptorist priest from Bohemia.
He immigrated to the United States, became bishop
of Philadelphia, and founded the first diocesan
school system in the United States.
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January 5

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



Then, opening their treasures, the magi presented to him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Mt 2:11

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Reflection on the Readings

Our liturgical year celebrates Christmas for twelve days and closes the Christmas season with the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, usually the Sunday after the Epiphany. This year Epiphany falls on the Jan 5, and so the Baptism of the Lord is on Sunday, Jan 12, the official end of the Christmas season. Epiphany means revelation or manifestation. **This feast celebrates the manifestation of the Lord to all the nations. It is the highlight of the Christmas season, overshadowing Christmas Day in many cultures and traditions.**

In many countries, Epiphany is celebrated on Jan 6, exactly 12 days after Christmas and is a holy day of obligation. In some countries, like Mexico, Jan 6, is known as Día de Los Reyes, the day of the three kings, which kicks off a forty day celebration ending on February 2, the feast of Candlemas. In this manner, the light of Christ manifested to the world at Christmas is linked with Candlemas, the traditional day to bless candles for liturgical use throughout the year. Light and a new way of seeing are the key images for this feast.

Isaiah offers the Jewish exiles hope and comfort, proclaiming to them that the Lord's light will shine upon them, and through them, all will come to know the Lord. By means of their fidelity to the Lord's covenant, Israel will be the light through which all nations will come to know and praise the Lord. The nations will come on camels bringing gifts to praise and offer thanks to the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 72 also speaks of the kings of various nations coming to pay tribute and serve the king of Israel. While the original meaning of the psalm refers to a new king of Israel just recently crowned, the verses are now interpreted in light of the coming of Jesus, the new king of the Jews. The refrain makes this application abundantly clear as we are invited to sing on this feast of the Epiphany, "Lord, every nation on earth will adore you."

Matthew has Isaiah as well as Responsorial Psalm 72 in mind when he recounts the story of magi from the East. Upon seeing the star's light, they come bringing gifts. **This child is seen as the presence of the Lord among us, inaugurating a new way of acting, thinking and living that will greatly transform the world.** The resistance of Herod and the blindness of some of the Jewish leaders speak of the difficulties entailed in seeing things in a new light. **Some are excited by the new possibilities, while others are deadily afraid of them.**

What is the Jesus manifestation that Epiphany

celebrates? The verses of Psalm 72 make this rather clear. **Our God is attuned to the needs of all, most especially those who are ill-treated, oppressed, brought low by poverty and abused through injustice. The refugee, the stranger, the immigrant, the migrant, and all those afflicted by violence and greed are God's special concern.** Jesus, our new king, calls us to establish a world wherein justice flowers and peace rules. Such a world will be active in rescuing the poor and the afflicted, raising them up through justice and right relationship. **All are to be treated with human dignity and respect.**

During the Christmas season most Christians think of Jesus as the cuddly little child that makes us feel good all over. **But what needs more of our attention and focus is the challenge that Jesus offers to us in his message and his way of acting in the world. Jesus calls us to a life of justice and concern for all, most especially the despised and outcast.** We are called to live in right relationship with all, even our enemies. Such Epiphany manifestation makes us all uncomfortable by challenging many of our usual patterns of behavior. Yet in claiming to be followers of Jesus and in claiming to be joyful at his coming, we take on his challenge and attempt to live it out anew each day. **As Christ followers, we are called to imitate God's care and concern for all, activating and making real the reign of God that Jesus preached and modeled, no matter where we are.**

This Epiphany, reflect on how well you are taking on Jesus' challenge to live and act with justice. Resolve to be a person of justice, valuing all persons by showing care and concern for them at all times and in all places. This is especially relevant in light of the migrant crisis and what is happening in the world. The real work of Christmas begins when the tree is taken down and all the decorations are put away. This is the revelation and manifestation that the magi bring to us on this Feast of the Epiphany. Let us each appropriate this revelation as our own. **Happy Epiphany to all.**

Biagio Mazza, Pastoral Associate

Readings

Sunday, January 5

1st Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm: Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (11)

2nd Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

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



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

Nuestro año litúrgico celebra la Navidad por doce días y cierra la Navidad con la fiesta del Bautismo del Señor, generalmente el domingo después de la Epifanía. Este año la Epifanía cae el 5 de enero, por lo que el Bautismo del Señor es el domingo 12 de enero, el final oficial de la temporada navideña. Epifanía significa revelación o manifestación. **Esta fiesta celebra la manifestación del Señor a todas las naciones. Es el punto culminante de la temporada Navideña, eclipsando el día de la Navidad en muchas culturas y tradiciones.**

En muchos países, la Epifanía se celebra el 6 de enero, exactamente 12 días después de la Navidad, y es un día precepto. En algunos países, como en México, se conoce el 6 de enero como el *Día de los Reyes*, lo cual comienza una celebración de cuarenta días que termina el 2 de febrero, la fiesta de la Candelaria. **En esta manera, la luz de Cristo manifestada al mundo en la Navidad se vincula con la Candelaria, el día tradicional para bendecir velas para uso litúrgico durante todo el año. La luz y una nueva forma de ver son las imágenes claves de esta fiesta.**

Isaías ofrece a los exiliados judíos esperanza y consuelo proclamándoles que la luz del Señor brillará sobre ellos y por medio de ellos todos llegarán a conocer al Señor. Por medio de su fidelidad a la alianza del Señor, Israel será la fuente por la cual todas las naciones llegarán a conocer y a alabar al Señor. Las naciones vendrán en camellos trayendo regalos para alabar y dar gracias al Señor.

El Salmo responsorial 71 también habla de los reyes de varias naciones que vienen a pagar tributo y a servir al rey de Israel. Mientras que el salmo se refiere a un nuevo rey de Israel recién coronado, los versos son ahora interpretados a la luz de la llegada de Jesús, el nuevo rey de los judíos. El estribillo hace esta aplicación abundantemente clara como estamos invitados a cantar en esta fiesta de la Epifanía, "Se postrarán ante ti, Señor, todos los pueblos de la tierra".

Mateo tiene en mente a Isaías y al Salmo responsorial 71 cuando relata la historia de los magos del Oriente. Al ver la luz de la estrella, ellos vienen trayendo regalos. Este niño es visto como la presencia del Señor entre nosotros, inaugurando una nueva manera de actuar, pensar y vivir que transformará grandemente el mundo. La resistencia de Herodes y la ceguera de algunos de los líderes judíos hablan de las dificultades que implica ver las cosas bajo una nueva luz. **Algunos están emocionados por las nuevas posibilidades, mientras que otros están mortalmente temiéndolas.**

¿Cuál es la manifestación de Jesús que celebra la Epifanía? Los versos del Salmo 71 la hacen bastante clara. **Nuestro Dios está en sintonía con las necesidades de todos, especialmente los que son maltratados, oprimidos, humillados por la pobreza y abusados por la injusticia. El refugiado, el extranjero, el inmigrante, el emigrante y todos los afectados por la violencia y la codicia son la preocupación especial de Dios.** Jesús, nuestro nuevo rey, nos llama a establecer un mundo donde la justicia florece y la paz gobierna. Tal mundo estará activo en el rescate de los pobres y los afligidos, levantándolos a través de la justicia y la relación correcta. **Todos deben ser tratados con la dignidad humana y respeto.**

Durante la temporada de Navidad, la mayoría de los cristianos piensan en Jesús como el pequeño niño que nos hace sentir bien por todas partes. **Pero es el desafío que Jesús nos ofrece en su mensaje y manera de actuar en el mundo que necesita más de nuestra atención y enfoque. Jesús nos llama a una vida de justicia y de preocupación para todos, especialmente los despreciados y marginados.** Estamos llamados a vivir en relaciones correctas con todos, incluso con nuestros enemigos. Tal manifestación de la Epifanía nos hace incómodos desafiando muchos de nuestros patrones habituales de comportamiento. Sin embargo, al afirmar que somos seguidores de Jesús y al afirmar que estamos contentos con su llegada, asumimos su desafío y tratamos de vivirlo de nuevo cada día. **Como seguidores de Cristo, estamos llamados a imitar el cuidado y la preocupación de Dios por todos, activando y haciendo real el reino de Dios que Jesús predicó y modeló, sin importar dónde estemos.**

Esta Epifanía, reflexione sobre que tanto está asumiendo el reto de Jesús de vivir y actuar con justicia. Resuelve ser una persona de justicia, valorando a todas las personas mostrando cuidado y preocupación por ellas en todo momento y en todos los lugares. Esto es especialmente relevante a la luz del crisis de migrantes y de lo que está sucediendo en el mundo. La verdadera obra de Navidad comienza cuando se quita el pino y se guarda todas las decoraciones. Esta es la revelación y manifestación que los magos nos traen en esta Fiesta de la Epifanía. Que cada uno apropiemos esta revelación como la nuestra. **Feliz Epifanía a todos.**

Biagio Mazza, Asociado Pastoral

Lecturas



Lecturas del Domingo, 5 de Enero

Primera Lectura: Isaías 60:1-6

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

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

Evangelio: Mateo 2:1-12

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

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 8 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. Si alguno de los Ministros jóvenes del año pasado quisiera unirse al Equipo Search este año, comuníquese con Kirstie Roberts de inmediato.

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5 de enero

Dios ve a cada uno de nosotros. Él crea cada alma por un propósito.

San Juan Neumann
Sacerdote redentorista de Bohemia del siglo XIX. Emigró a los Estados Unidos, fue obispo de Filadelfia y fundó el primer sistema escolar diocesano en los Estados Unidos.
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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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Jim Burrows



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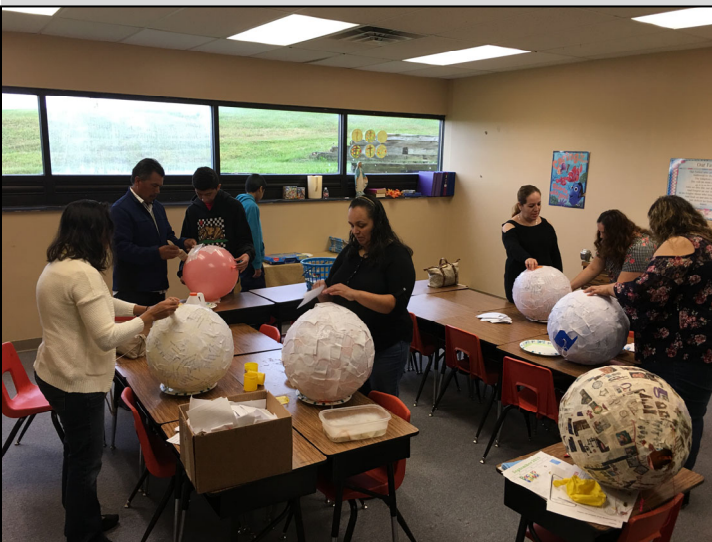
Platicas Pre-Bautismales - 11 de Enero

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:

La historia de los Magos, exclusiva del evangelio de Mateo, es la manera en que Mateo le dice a su audiencia que Jesús, Dios con nosotros, vino no solo para los judíos sino también para todos los no judíos, es decir, los gentiles. La historia habla de magos, o astrólogos, del este, lo que de origen gentil, que siguieron a una estrella en busca del recién nacido rey de los judíos, que traería paz y armonía a toda la humanidad. Finalmente ubican al bebé en una casa en Belén y le ofrecen sus regalos de oro, incienso y mirra, luego de lo cual regresan a casa. A lo largo de los siglos, la comunidad cristiana embelleció significativamente los escasos detalles del original. Basado en otros pasajes bíblicos e imaginación devocional, los magos se convirtieron en reyes, tres de ellos se basaron en los dones dados, representaban a toda la humanidad en edades y etnias, e incluso se les dio nombres. Tómese el tiempo para ver el video DYK de esta semana y explore las razones por las que la comunidad cristiana se deleitó en embellecer la historia original de los magos.



¡Gracias a todos los que ayudaron a hacer piñatas este año para las varias festividades navideñas que celebramos en nuestra parroquia!



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Mateo 2:9

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