

Saint Sabina Catholic Church

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



Congratulations to Nova Estefania, the daughter of Gil and Bridget, who was baptized on December 31!

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.**

Roses for Life Campaign

This weekend the Knights of Columbus will be collecting signatures to send to our Representatives and Senators in Congress asking them to support pro-life legislation. Please take a rose, fill out your contact information and return the rose to the Knights.

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 7, 2018

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Intentions for January 8-12, 2018

Mon.	8am	COMMUNION SERVICE
Tues.	6pm	COMMUNION SERVICE
Wed.	10am	COMMUNION SERVICE (Redwood of Raymore)
Thurs.	8am	COMMUNION SERVICE
Fri.	8am	COMMUNION SERVICE

Saturday, January 13, 2018

4:00pm †Mary "Joan" Wehner

Sunday, January 14, 2018

8:00am	Intentions of the Parish Family
10:30am	†Julian Dziurawiec
12:30pm Spanish	†Juan Ernesto Cedillo
	†Mercedes Medrano

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

†Fr. Robert Stewart, priest of our Diocese and Pastor of St. Patrick Parish in North Kansas City



Calendar/Pastoral Care

Sunday, January 7 - Domingo, 7 de Enero

Donut Sunday-Altar Society Sale-Tres Reyes

Catholic Key Appeal - Roses for Life

8:00am Blood Drive

9:00am PSR/Parents Lounge

11:00am Ensayo del Coro Hispano

11:00am Escuela de Religión

2:00pm Search Team Meeting

7:00pm Confirmation and High School Youth Group

Monday, January 8 - Lunes, 8 de Enero

7:00pm Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts

Tuesday, January 9 - Martes, 9 de Enero

7:00pm ESL/Inglés Como Segunda Lengua

7:00pm Green Team Meeting

7:00pm Ladies Auxiliary Meeting

7:00pm Living Stones

Wednesday, January 10 - Miércoles, 10 de Enero

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

7:00pm Junior High Youth Group

7:00pm Faith Formation: Mark's Gospel

Thursday, January 11 - Jueves, 11 de Enero

7:00am High School Youth Prayer Breakfast

9:30am Quilters

10:00am Faith Formation: Mark's Gospel

7:00pm RCIA/RICA

7:00pm Cub Scout Committee Meeting

Friday, January 12 - Viernes, 12 de Enero

No Scheduled Events

Saturday, January 13 - Sábado, 13 de Enero

10:00am Platicas Pre-bautismales

3:00pm Confessions

Sunday, January 14 - Domingo, 14 de Enero

9:00am PSR/Parents Lounge

11:00am Ensayo del Coro Hispano

11:00am Escuela de Religión

1:30pm Reunión del Comité Guadalupana

2:00pm Search Team Meeting

Prayer Requests/Peticiones de Oración

Bill Aldridge	Jo Locke
Dick Armstrong	Israel Luna
Marilyn Avalos	Bonita Mackedanz
Joy Banks-Wilson	Leonard Meiron
Louise Battaglia	Harry Muench
Nikki Barrett	Joan Muench
Pauline Bellm	Bella Nouryeh
Beverly Bell	Jane Nouryeh
John Bidondo	Thelma Palmer
Ryann Burrows	Dee Raya
Ramon Caratachea	Patricia Rellihan
Anna Clark	Clarence Reynolds
Helen Cook	Helen Rush
Joseph Coots	Yvonne Salmon
Bob Cummings	Doris Shields
Paul DeMar	Jo Ann Shrout
Nolan Dickerson	Lois Simpson
Steven DiGeorge	Ashley Smith
Frances DiGeorge	Shelline Smoot
Argentina Meza Dubon	Charles Stinger II
Carol Eckford	Marie Stinger
Brian Effertz	Juanita Stockton
Terry Eppert	Jim Storm
Joan Feedback	Leo Storm
Emily Frezza	Marge Storm
Dick Garnier	Mary Jane Storm
June Glunt	Jean Tate
Karen Grantham	Ruth Tayler
Ginny Hainey	Angel Thomas
Laverne Harlow	Bruce Thompson
Bonnie Haskins	Priscilla Tristani
Cherie Hatfield	Rhonda VanDyne
Bob Heffernan	William VanDyne
Beth Heide	Harvey Vice
Bart Henke	Sunny Vigil
Rhonda Henke	Donna West
Pam Kelleher	Mary Westfall
Donna Kozar	Marie Wilburn
John Lally	Jeannette Woolworth
Susan Lewis	Merle Woolworth
Beverly Little	Carmitia Yust
Bill Locke	Pablo Zayas
Debbie Locke	



Nursing Home Mass Schedule

Jan 10	10:00am	Redwood of Raymore
Jan 17	10:00am	Foxwood Springs
Jan 24	11:00am	Carnegie Village



Wellness Center

Did you know January is always the busiest time of the year for gyms? You might even call it the fitness version of Black Friday. After a holiday season of eating, drinking, and being merry (often in excess), many gyms see their membership double each January. Regardless of all that enthusiasm, gym attendance is usually back to its normal, pre-New Year level by mid-February.

But you don't need superpowers or an iron will to commit to being healthier this year. Whether your goal is to do 10 push-ups, run a marathon, or simply take the stairs more often—you can get there!

The Wellness Center is partnering with the High Blue Wellness Center in Belton to support you in your journey to be the best **YOU**, you can be! Be on the lookout for details.

Here are some tips to staying on track once you begin a workout regime:

- 1) **Write it and measure it**-Writing down your goals is not only a great way to accomplish them, but your list can also help you figure out the exact steps needed to get there. "I want to lose weight" is a common New Year's resolution, but how exactly do you go from point A to point B? Instead, try setting a more specific goal. For instance: "I want to lose 10 pounds over the next six weeks by eliminating fast food meals and going to the gym three to four times per week. I'll then maintain my goal weight for six months before setting any other new goals."
- 2) **Break Up the Goal**- Resolving to do 10,000 push-ups in a year is intimidating. But 192 push-ups every week... OK, that's still scary. But breaking it down to 28 per day looks a lot more manageable, right? A goal that's either far in the future or far out of your comfort zone can be tough to start, so break up your goal into achievable steps.
- 3) **Question Your Motives**-A steady gym habit can result in six-pack abs, but superficial goals may lose their appeal after endless weeks of diet and exercise. Instead, try framing fitness as a direct path to health and happiness. Regular exercise has unexpected benefits including lowering cholesterol, boosting overall energy, and even increasing happiness. Bringing some deeper intentions to your workout can make all the difference in sticking to your goals.
- 4) **Keep a Schedule and Keep it Interesting**-Time management is important for accomplishing any goal, and fitness is no exception. If your intention is to exercise consistently three or four times per week, it's time to think beyond the treadmill and the weight rack. Experiment with yoga, rock climbing, martial arts, team sports, kettlebells, and everything between. The more variety in your exercise program, the more fun it will be to follow, and the more likely you'll find something you absolutely love. Early morning exercise is a great way to fit a workout into a busy day, and it may encourage healthier eating and more movement throughout the day.
- 5) **Be Forgiving**- Even the best-laid resolutions can lose steam by spring. Once the excitement of a new regimen has worn off—or your results plateau—it's easy to justify taking a few days (or weeks) off. But slip-ups are completely fine (even expected), and there's not a single person on Earth who hasn't stumbled in their path to success. If taking time off means slightly tweaking your resolution, then so be it—but don't give up.

Many people can get easily discouraged and give up when there's too much emphasis on weight loss. Focus on the joys of exercise and movement instead. Take pride in your body getting stronger. Think about the boost in energy you get after a workout. Do set goals, but make them about making fitness fun!

Wellness Center Class Schedule

Monday:	Intermediate Yoga 1-2pm Gentle Yoga 2-3pm Yoga 6-7pm
Tuesday:	Stretch & Strength 1-2pm Gentle Stretch & Strength 2-3pm Circuit Training 6-7pm
Wednesday:	Intermediate Yoga 1-2pm Gentle Yoga 2-3pm Restorative Yoga 6-7pm
Thursday:	Stretch & Strength 1-2pm Gentle Stretch & Strength 2-3pm Yoga 6-7pm
Friday:	Intermediate Yoga 1-2pm Gentle Yoga 2-3pm ReFit® 6-7pm



Parish Happenings

Blood Drive—January 7

Community Blood Center is the primary supplier of blood for local hospitals and has been serving Missouri and Kansas hospitals for more than 50 years. Community Blood Center needs to collect 580 pints of blood every day and over 140,000 pints annually to meet the needs of our local hospitals. An individual within the area that Community Blood Center serves needs a blood transfusion every 4 minutes.

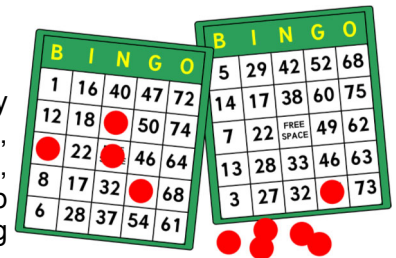
Please share your gift of life with local hospital patients who need it by donating at the next blood drive on Sunday, January 7 from 8am-1pm in the gym. To make an appointment online, visit esavealifenow.org and use **sponsor code: saintsabina**. For more details contact Michael Dailey at 816.853.8386 or mgdailey123@yahoo.com.

Valentine Dance—February 10

Save the date for the annual Valentine Dance hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary: February 10, 2018. More details to come

Knights Bingo and Cajun Dinner - Jan 20

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Cajun Seafood Dinner on Saturday, January 20th at 5pm, followed by Bingo beginning at 6pm. The menu includes gumbo, jambalaya, stuffed fish, rice, potato salad, bread and dessert. Prices are Adults \$12, Seniors \$11, Children \$6, and Family \$36. All proceeds will benefit our scholarship students in El Salvador. Come and enjoy great food and fellowship while supporting our scholarship students in El Salvador!!



Lectionary Year B and The Gospel of Mark - Faith Formation Series beginning in January

Lectionary Year B focuses on the Gospel of Mark, the first gospel to be written somewhere between 67-73 CE. Mark is the first evangelist to give Jesus a human face along with a mission to proclaim the realm of God. For Mark, Jesus is God's suffering servant experiencing misunderstanding, rejection, persecution, suffering and even death as an integral part of being faithful to proclaiming and living out all that God's realm entails.

These four two hour sessions will explore the situation and context of the community that produced the gospel, along with their questions, concerns and needs. We will attempt to understand the mind and heart of the Marcan community by carefully reading and unpacking the gospel, focusing on its key themes and message for the community that produced it and for us today.

Bring an open, inquiring mind, a bible, and anyone you think would benefit from our communal exploration of Mark's gospel. The sessions will be facilitated by Biagio Mazza, Pastoral Associate, St. Sabina Parish, Belton, MO. The four sessions will be held on Wednesday Evenings 7-9 PM beginning January 10 and ending on January 31, 2018. The sessions will be repeated on Thursday Mornings, 10 AM-Noon, beginning January 11 and ending on February 1, 2018. To register, simply e-mail Biagio at biagio@stsabinaparish.org and state your time frame preference.

KC Restaurant Week and How it Benefits Our Community Garden and Others Like It

Please support KC Restaurant week, January 12-21, benefiting Kansas City Community Gardens, who helps community gardens like ours feed underprivileged people. For info and reservation <https://www.kcrestaurantweek.com>.



Stewardship

"And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. 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: 9-11

At Christmas the Messiah Jesus was revealed to the shepherds, who were Jewish. But on this day the Lord is revealed to all nations and to the Gentiles (represented by the Magi). We are all familiar with the star the Magi followed, but we need to understand all that is happening and what it means. This all represents the Light of Christ, a Light which today we honor and commemorate. We are called to be the Light of Christ right now to those around us and those with whom we come in contact. That way we can be the disciples Christ wants us to be. — See more at www.catholicsteward.com/blog/.

Christmas Poinsettia Thanks

Thanks to all who donated funds for our Christmas poinsettias. Poinsettias have been placed in our sanctuary in memory of:

Gary Palmer, The Gebauer Family, Joseph Falco, Sr., Albert and Loritta Verhulst, Walter Zmuda, Carl Parrott, James E. Ohnemus, Elwood and Teresa Link, Bob Meiron, George Pierce, Frances Storm, Albert Storm, Judy Kemper, Joe Rhodes, Marjorie Rhodes, Cristina Cornejo, Harold Brown, Ray Silvers, Casey Pointer, Henedina C. Reyes, Larry Schmidt, Nanci Smith, Frances Birkner, William P. Birkner, Jean Bidondo, Dolores Bidondo, James E. Jones, Jr., Donald Moorman, Elmer C. Parker, Deceased Members of the Ragsdale Family, Simone Clements, Roger Robert, John C. Mayabb, L. James Wolfe, Herman and Hilda Kemna, Charles Kemna, Bobbie Kemna, Karen Taylor, Harold Oliver, Dixie Oliver, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Yust, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Keith Buell, Virgil Duncney, Ed Croghan, Delores Croghan, Lillian Parker, Megan Ramos, Pamela Ramos, Barbara Burdick, Raymond P. Burns, Maria Teresa Ortega, Justin Chrane, Juan G. Gogue, Magdalena K. Gogue, Jay K. Gogue, Maria K. Gogue, Maggie K. Gogue, Ivan Dull, Felix Suwito, Bernadine and James Martin, Carol Martin, Rose Riek, Mary Czarneski, Dennis Martin, and James Martin



Contributions for December 23-25

Envelopes/Sobres:	\$16,426.00
Plate/Canasta:	\$ 1,556.75
Maintenance-Upkeep:	\$ 190.00
Religious Retirement:	\$ 3,684.35
Christmas Day Mass 12/25:	\$ 2,618.50

Contributions for December 31

Due to early bulletin deadlines, the December 31st contributions will be listed in the January 14th 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.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

See migrating eagles at Smithville Lake this weekend with the MO Dept of Conservation. <http://greenabilitymagazine.com/blog/2017/11/view-migrating-bald-eagles-missouri/>.



"HOW CAN I MAKE A RETURN TO THE LORD
for all the good He has done for me?"

Psalm 116:12



126%

parish goal
\$27,775

Annual Catholic Appeal weekend
October 21-22, 2017

85%

2018 Diocese ACHA Goal
\$2,000,000

Diocese of Kansas City-Overland
annual catholic appeal
2018



Information

Save Our Seminarians (SOS) Benefit Dinner

Save the date of Friday, January 26th for the SOS Benefit Dinner, an annual dinner and marketplace to benefit the seminarians of Conception Seminary College, the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph and the Archdiocese of Kansas City, KS. The event will be held at Union Station in Kansas City beginning at 5:30pm. For more information or to donate a gift for the marketplace, please contact Martha Hodes at 913-207-9893 or mmmhsos512@gmail.com.

"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:

Kansas City, MO – Sundays, January 14 through February 25, at St John Francis Regis Church, 8941 James A. Reed Road, KCMO. Contact Donna at (816-305-3760), for information and registration. Sessions will be from 1:30-3:30pm.

Dreams Fulfilled, Promises Honored!

Avila University's 42nd annual Steer Dinner & Auction benefiting student scholarships will be on February 3rd at the Kansas City Marriott Downtown Muehlebach Tower. The evening begins at 6pm and includes a cocktail reception, steak dinner, silent and live auctions and an after party with live music and dancing. Individual tickets are \$250; sponsorship opportunities begin at \$2,500 for a table of 10. Black tie optional (Avila purple is encouraged!) Register by January 26 at Avila.edu/Steer. Questions? Please call 816.501.2450 or email SteerDinner@avila.edu. Thank you, Roderick J. and Jo Anne Cyr Foundation & DJ & Ann O'Hare, honorary chairs; Rodd and Martha '66 Staker, event chairs.



MARRIED COUPLES – WANT TO GIVE A GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING?

Register for the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend – it's the best gift you'll ever give to each other and your marriage! Make your reservation now! The next Weekend in Kansas City is
April 20-22, 2018

For more information or to apply, please visit our website:

www.wmme4youandme.org

or call Tony & Barb Zimmerman, 816-741-4066

or email tonybarbz@prodigy.net

happy birthday

Jacob Aguayo	Ramon Gomez	Rene Nunez
Teresa Aguirre	Yolanda Gonzalez	Aron Olivas
Lizbeth Aguirre	Karli Goulding	Eloissa Orellana
Phil Albin	Abigail Grantham	Lenyn Ortiz
Juan Almendarez	Brianne Guerra	Mary Patonai
Scott Anderson	Kevin Guzman	Nicolas Patonai
Yamilith Bejarano Samaniego	Manuel Hernandez	Florentino Piña
Yesika Benavides	Mauro Hernandez	Michele Pinkowski
Nicholas Biondo	Kimberly Herrera	Liliana Pinon
Roberto Bretado	Melchor Hinojos	Erandi Placencia
Jeremy Brewer	Kyara Hinojos	Lily Pointer
Kylie Brewer	John Hirt	Doug Pritchett
Galilea Carpio-Rodriguez	Jacob Hughes	Damiana Ramirez
Margie Castonguay	Kalen Kronk	Matthew Ratigan
Bradley Coley	Hilario Landa	Patricia Rellihan
Pamela Crosby	Justin Lautner	Juan Rocha
Mason Curls	Robert Leuschen	Darlene Rojas
Emiliano Damian	David Lopez	Kevin Rosas
Suzanne Daniels	Sheldon Lopez	Cheryl Rugerio
Melissa De la Cruz	Angelika Mackey	Jeremiah Samson
Marilynn Delaney	Keylee Mancha	Julyssa Sanchez
Elly Dillon	Kevin Martinez	John Shields
James Dillon	Antonio Martinez	Patricia Smith
Rose Falco	Kevin McCoy	Paschal Smith
Mia Fiallos	Alan Menjivar	Adam Strickler
Michael Ford	Alex Mora	Epifanio Trejo
Elia Frago	Annaleigh Morgan	Aa-Jay Trevino
Yolanda Franco	Joel Munoz	Fabian Valtierra
Samantha Franco	Jose Negrete	Leopolda Vasquez Jimenez
Todd Fuselier	Tania Neri	David Weakland
Iliana Galvez	Beyonce Noriega	Cassandra Zamora
Helen Gillespie	Jose Nunez	Helen Zmuda

Happy Anniversary

William and Bonnie Becker	52 Years!	1/8/1966
Scott and Laurie Sigman	27 Years!	1/12/1991
Gilberto and Maria Torres	22 Years!	1/14/1996
Jose and Maria Toledo	20 Years!	1/14/1998



School of Religion/Youth Ministry

Volunteer Opportunities

Uplift Org. If you would like to bring meals to the homeless on the 4th or 5th Monday of any month, contact Kirstie Roberts! This ministry is open to all parishioners age 14 and older. Volunteers must report to the Uplift Warehouse by 5pm and will be finished around 9:30pm.

Uplift Cooks! Anyone who would like to help prepare a meal for the homeless is welcome to join our team on the 4th Monday of each month at 10am in the gym. We recommend that you bring a good cutting knife, vegetable peeler and can opener. **Our next cooking date is Monday, January 22nd.**

Harvesters! This local food bank provides food to needy families around the KC area. Volunteers are needed to help sort food donations and pack weekend food bags for kids in our community. We will be taking a group of 5 people on the third Thursday of each month. **Our next date is January 18, 6-8pm.** If you would like to volunteer, call or email Kirstie in the Youth Office.

Community Meals Lord of Love Lutheran Church offers a free meal to the community each Wednesday. Every third Wednesday of the month St. Sabina volunteers help prepare, serve and clean up in an effort to work together with other Christians to carry out Christ's work. **Our next volunteer date is Jan. 17.** Contact Berenice Zayas for more information or to sign up at 816-979-3150 or berenice@stsabinaparish.org.

Youth News

Thursday Morning Donuts! Every Thursday that Belton High School is in session, Kirstie will have donuts and a little prayer for High School youth heading to school. The Youth Office doors will open at 7am for kids to stop in on their way to school.

The Next Confirmation Sponsor Night will be on January 17th, 7-8:30pm in the Parish Hall. All Confirmation Candidates (youth) and their adult Sponsor are expected to attend these meetings. If the Sponsor is unable to attend a meeting with the youth, the youth should still attend. If you are having difficulty finding a Sponsor, please contact Kirstie Roberts in the Youth Office and she will be happy to find someone for you.

PSR News

Donut Sunday! The PSR Second Grade class will be hosting Donuts in the gathering space after the 8am & 10:30am Masses on Jan 7. Please stop by their table to say hello!

Child Safety

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

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

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

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

Prayer Request from our Bishop for Dreamers

During National Migration Week, January 7-13, Bishop Johnston has asked all parishes in our diocese to pray for the enactment of just legislation which upholds the rights of Dreamers. The Bishop has written the following in regards to the Dreamers, "These are the immigrants who were brought to our country as minors and who are now in grave danger due to the lack of legal protection. As of March 5, 2018, this class of people will no longer enjoy the safeguards offered by the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, i.e., DACA. These young people are a gift to our nation; they build up our economy through their labors; they protect our nation in the military; they worship God in our churches. While our nation has both the right and duty to foster its security through prudent immigration laws, we must not attempt to purchase safety at the cost of violating the fundamental dignity of our fellow men and women, many of whom share our faith in Christ." Please join with Bishop Johnston during National Migration Week to pray for all Dreamers, especially those that are our parishioners.



Reflection on the Readings

Today is the feast of the Epiphany. *The Epiphany celebrates the public manifestation of God among us in the person of Jesus. In Italy, when I was young, children received toys from "La Befana" on Epiphany. Her origins go back to the magi story.* She was an old woman who welcomed the magi into her home as they followed the star to Bethlehem. They told her the reason for their journey, and of the baby they knew to be a newborn king concerned for all humanity. *They invited her to come with them to bring gifts to this newborn king. But she was too busy with cooking, housework and such that she really did not have the luxury to join them.*

The next day they continued their journey. For several days she found herself thinking about this newborn king, wishing to bring him gifts. She decided to set out with a bag full of gifts to find the magi. Unable to find them she soon lost her way. Yet she was determined to find this newborn king to offer homage and gifts. *Since she did not know where he was and what he looked like, she decided to greet every child she met with gifts, homage and respect. Her encounter with others soon became the symbol of what Epiphany and gift giving is all about. The newborn king could be any child or any one. Therefore it is important to treat all as if you were encountering the newborn king.*

Each Epiphany, La Befana becomes for me a rich symbol of what our Christian journey entails. *We are to treat all as if they were Jesus. We are to gift others the way we would gift Jesus. What a different world it would be if we practiced the example of La Befana every day of the year.*

Our first reading from 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 become "La Befana" to all the nations, allowing them to come to know and praise the Lord.* As a result, 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.

The psalm captures well our Epiphany mission, if we choose to accept it. We pay homage to Jesus because justice and peace "shall flower in his days....For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out and the afflicted when he has no one to help him; he shall have pity for the lowly and the poor." *Like "La Befana," if we truly want to find him, then we are to treat all as if they were Christ.*

Matthew's magi account concerning Gentiles from unknown lands acknowledging Jesus as king, offering him gifts and homage, powerfully communicates an essential truth about Jesus and his followers. *It affirms that any true follower of Jesus must be "catholic." This does not mean membership in the Catholic Church. Rather to be "catholic" is to be universal, with a welcoming, hospitable and open stance toward all.*

Jesus came for all people. *By accepting Jesus, we too become people open to all, welcoming all, breaking down boundaries, and reconciling enemies.* Like Jesus, we welcome all, the social outcast and the stranger, the immigrant and the powerful, the rich and the poor, to be part of our table. *We make sure there is room at the table for all, treating all with human dignity and respect.*

Commit yourself this New Year to treat everyone you encounter as if you were meeting and welcoming Christ. A most blessed Epiphany to us all.

Biagio Mazza,
Pastoral Associate



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Readings



Sunday, January 7

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 14

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19

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

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Gospel: John 1:35-42

Bible Study

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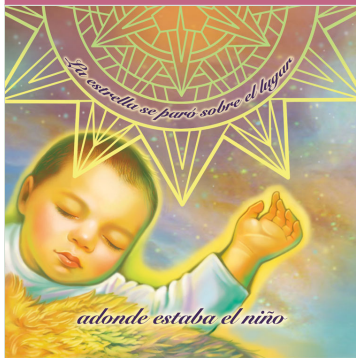
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Reflexión Sobre las Lecturas



Hoy es la fiesta de la Epifanía. *La Epifanía celebra la manifestación pública de Dios entre nosotros en la persona de Jesús. En Italia, cuando yo era joven, los niños recibieron juguetes de "La Befana" en la Epifanía. Sus orígenes se remontan a la historia de los magos.* Ella

era una anciana que dio la bienvenida a los magos en su casa mientras seguían la estrella hacia Belén. Le contaron el motivo de su viaje y del bebé que sabían que era un rey recién nacido preocupado por toda la humanidad. *La invitaron a ir con ellos para traer regalos a este rey recién nacido. Pero ella estaba demasiado ocupada con la cocina, las tareas domésticas y cosas así que realmente no tenía el lujo de acompañarlos.*

Al día siguiente continuaron su viaje. Durante varios días se encontró pensando en este rey recién nacido, deseando llevarle regalos. Decidió salir con una bolsa llena de regalos para encontrar a los magos. Incapaz de encontrarlos, pronto perdió el rumbo. Sin embargo, estaba decidida a encontrar a este rey recién nacido para ofrecer homenaje y regalos. *Como ella no sabía dónde estaba ni cómo se veía, decidió saludar a cada niño que encontraba con regalos, homenaje y respeto. Su encuentro con otros pronto se convirtió en el símbolo de lo que se trata la Epifanía y el regalar. El rey recién nacido podría ser cualquier niño o cualquier persona. Por lo tanto, es importante tratar a todos como si estuvieras encontrando al rey recién nacido.*

Cada Epifanía, La Befana se convierte para mí en un rico símbolo de lo que implica nuestro viaje cristiano. *Debemos tratar a todos como si fueran Jesús. Debemos regalar a otros de la manera en que regalaríamos a Jesús. Qué mundo tan diferente sería si practicáramos el ejemplo de La Befana todos los días del año.*

Nuestra primera lectura de Isaías les ofrece a los exiliados judíos esperanza y consuelo al proclamarles que la luz del Señor brillará sobre ellos y que a través de ellos todos llegarán a conocer al Señor. *Por medio de su fidelidad al pacto del Señor, Israel se convertirá en "La Befana" para todas las naciones, permitiéndoles llegar a conocer y alabar al Señor.* Como resultado, las naciones vendrán en camellos trayendo regalos para alabar y ofrecer gracias al Señor.

El Salmo responsorial 71 también habla de los reyes de varias naciones que vienen a pagar tributo y servir al rey de Israel. *El salmo captura bien nuestra misión de Epifanía, si elegimos aceptarla.* Le rendimos homenaje a Jesús porque la justicia y la paz florecerán en sus días ... "él libraré al pobre que clamaba, al afligido que no tenía protector; él se apiadará del pobre y del indigente" *Al igual que "La Befana", si realmente queremos encontrarlo, entonces debemos tratar a todos como si fueran Cristo.*

El relato de los magos según Mateo sobre los gentiles de tierras desconocidas que reconocen a Jesús como rey, ofreciéndole regalos y homenajes, comunica poderosamente una verdad esencial acerca de Jesús y sus seguidores. *Afirma que cualquier verdadero seguidor de Jesús debe ser "católico". Esto no significa ser miembro de la Iglesia Católica. Más bien ser "católico" es ser universal, con una actitud acogedora, hospitalaria y abierta hacia todos.*

Jesús vino para todas las personas. *Al aceptar a Jesús, también nosotros nos convertimos en personas abiertas a todos, dando la bienvenida a todos, rompiendo fronteras y reconciliando enemigos.* Como Jesús, damos la bienvenida a todos, los marginados sociales y los desconocidos, los inmigrantes y los poderosos, los ricos y los pobres, para ser parte de nuestra mesa. *Nos aseguramos de que haya lugar en la mesa para todos, tratando a todos con dignidad y respeto humano.*

Comprométase este Año Nuevo para tratar a todos los que encuentre como si estuviera reuniéndose y dando la bienvenida a Cristo. Una Epifanía muy bendita para todos nosotros.

Biagio Mazza
Asociado Pastoral

Lecturas



Lecturas del Domingo, 7 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, 14 de Enero

Primera Lectura: 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19

Salmo: Salmo 39:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10

Segunda Lectura: 1 Corintios 6:13-15, 17-20

Evangelio: Juan 1:35-42

Ministerio Juvenil

Oportunidades para Voluntarios

Uplift Org. Si le gustaría traer comidas a las personas sin hogar en el 4° o 5° Lunes de cada mes, por favor, póngase en contacto con Kirstie Roberts! Este ministerio está abierto a todos los feligreses mayores de 14 años. Los voluntarios deben reportarse a la bodega de Uplift a las 5pm y se terminan a las 9:30pm.

Cocineros de Uplift! Cualquier persona que le gustaría ayudar a preparar una comida para las personas sin hogar está bienvenido a unirse a nuestro equipo en el 4° Lunes de cada mes a las 10am en el gimnasio. Le recomendamos que traiga un cuchillo y pelador de verduras buenos. El próximo día de cocinar es el 22 de enero.

Harvesters! Este banco de alimentos local proporciona alimentos a las familias necesitadas de todo el área de KC. Se necesitan voluntarios para ayudar a organizar las donaciones de alimentos y para preparar bolsas de comida para fines de semana para niños en nuestra comunidad. Vamos a llevar un grupo de 5 personas en el tercer Jueves de cada mes. Nuestra próxima fecha es el 18 de Enero de 6-8 pm. Si desea ser voluntario, llame ó mande un correo electrónico a Kirstie en la Oficina de los jóvenes.

Comidas Comunitarias La Iglesia Luterana Lord of Love ofrece una comida gratis a la comunidad cada miércoles a la cual usted está invitado. Cada tercer miércoles del mes voluntarios de Sta. Sabina ayudan a preparar, servir y limpiar en un esfuerzo de trabajar junto con otros cristianos para llevar a cabo la obra de Cristo. Nuestra próxima fecha como voluntarios es el 17 de Enero. Contacte a Berenice Zayas en la oficina parroquial para más información. 816-979-3150.

Noticias Juveniles

Donas los Jueves por la Mañana! Cada martes que Belton High School tiene clases, Kirstie tendrá donas y hará oraciones con los jóvenes de High School antes de ir a la escuela. Las puertas de la Oficina de la Juventud se abrirán a las 7am para que los jóvenes pasen antes de la escuela.

La Próxima Noche de Padrinos para la Confirmación es el 17 de enero, 7-8:30pm en el Salón Parroquial. Se espera que todos los candidatos a la confirmación (jóvenes) y sus padrinos adultos asistan a estas reuniones. Si el padrino no puede asistir a una reunión con el joven, el joven todavía debe asistir. Si tienes dificultades para encontrar un padrino, póngase en contacto con Kirstie Roberts en la Oficina de la Juventud y ella estará encantada de encontrar a alguien para ti.

Seguridad Infantil

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

- 1) Llame a línea directa de Abuso Infantil en Missouri al 1.800.392.3738 (si la victima tiene menos de 18 años de edad), y
- 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 al Defensor del Pueblo Diocesano, Jenifer Valenti, al 816.812.2500 o a su correo electrónico, jennifervalenti@att.net, si el abuso implica a un sacerdote, diacono, empleado o voluntario de la Diócesis de Kansas City-St. Joseph

La Diócesis tiene un sincero compromiso con los recursos del cuidado y la curación para las victimas de abuso sexual y a sus familias. Por favor póngase en contacto con la Defensora de Victimas, Kathleen Chastain al 816.392.0011 o chastain@diocesekcsj.org para mas información.

Todas las personas que son voluntarios con los jóvenes 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/>

Platicas Pre-Bautismales - 13 de Enero



Normalmente cada segundo Sábado del mes de las 10 am a la 1 pm (Sólo para niños de 0-6 años.) En el 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.

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Información/Corresponsabilidad

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Entre la semana del 12-21 de enero, si come en uno de los restaurantes que participan en la Semana del Restaurante de KC, beneficiará a la organización Kansas City Community Gardens, que también apoya a nuestro jardín comunitario y a otros a alimentar a personas desfavorecidas. Para más información y reservaciones: <https://www.kcrestaurantweek.com>.

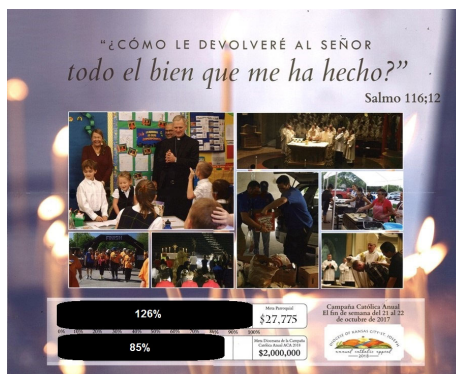
Un Momento de Corresponsabilidad

La lectura del Evangelio de hoy revela el relato de los magos que vinieron del oriente a pagar tributo a Jesús, el rey recién nacido. La historia de los magos nos enseña a los corresponsables cristianos tres verdades: primera, Dios, en la persona de Jesucristo, está presente y activo en el mundo, y los buenos corresponsables se esfuerzan diariamente por seguir su estrella. Segunda, cada uno/a de nosotros, sin importar nuestras circunstancias o etapa de nuestra vida, tiene un

regalo para llevar al Señor. Y finalmente, la jornada de nuestra vida siempre nos guía a Cristo, aun cuando en ocasiones nosotros no sabemos hacia dónde nos lleva el camino.—International Catholic Stewardship Council

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Oración del Obispo para los Dreamers

Durante la Semana del 7-13 de Enero, que es la Semana Nacional de la Migración, El Obispo Santiago ha pedido a todas las parroquias a orar para la promulgación de una legislación justa que defienda los derechos de los Soñadores. El Obispo ha escrito lo siguiente con respecto a los Soñadores: *"Estos son los inmigrantes que fueron traídos a nuestro país como menores y que ahora están en grave peligro debido a la falta de protección legal, a partir del 5 de marzo de 2018, ellos ya no disfrutarán de la protección que ofrece la Acción Diferida para los que llegaron siendo infantes (DACA). Estos jóvenes son un regalo para nuestra nación, construyen nuestra economía a través de sus labores, ellos protegen a nuestra nación en el ejército, ellos también alaban a Dios en nuestras iglesias; si bien nuestra nación tiene el derecho y el deber de fomentar su seguridad a través de leyes de inmigración prudentes, no debemos intentar comprar seguridad a costa de violar la dignidad fundamental de nuestros semejantes, muchos de los cuales comparten nuestra fe en Cristo".* Por favor únase con el Obispo Johnston durante esta semana para orar por todos los Soñadores, especialmente aquellos que son nuestros feligreses.

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