

# Saint Sabina Catholic Church

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



Congratulations to Bob Coshun on receiving the award for the Knight of the Year with the Knights of Columbus!

## 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

## Jesus' Infancy Narratives: Those in the Bible and Those from Other Gospels

Tuesday Evenings, – January 10, 17, 24 and 31, 2017 ~ 7-9PM

Repeated on Wednesday Mornings – January 11, 18, 25, and Feb 1, 2017 ~ 10 AM to Noon

Biagio will examine and explore the infancy stories of Jesus from the bible and from various other gospels not in the bible. Sign up sheets and more information are in the gathering space and on our website. Come, bring a friend and let us learn together the stories concerning Jesus' early life.

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## Intentions for January 9-13, 2017

Mon.	8am	COMMUNION SERVICE
Tues.	6pm	†Ricardo Lopez
Wed.	10am	†Bob McDonald (Rehab Ctr. of Raymore)
Thurs.	8am	†Mabel Hopkins
Fri.	8am	†Bob Westfall

## Saturday, January 14, 2017

4:00pm                    †Hilda Burchett

## Sunday, January 15, 2017

8:00am	Intentions of the Parish Family
10:30am	†Chris Hirt
12:30pm Spanish	†Bernabé López

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

- † **Bob Westfall**, husband of Mary Westfall
- † **Bob McDonald**, husband of Judy McDonald
- † **Ricardo Lopez**, nephew of Gil Hernandez
- † **Chris Hirt**, son of George and Norma Hirt
- † **Bernabé Lopez**, father of David Lopez



# Calendar/Parish Information

## Sunday, January 8 - Domingo, 8 de Enero

Christmas Light Recycle
8:00am Blood Drive
9:00am PSR/Parents Lounge
11:00am Escuela de Religión
11:00am Ensayo del Coro Hispano
1:00pm Search Team Meeting
1:30pm Celebración de los Tres Reyes
7:00pm High School and Confirmation

## Monday, January 9 - Lunes, 9 de Enero

7:00pm Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts
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## Tuesday, January 10 - Martes, 10 de Enero

7:00am Youth Prayer Group
7:00pm ESL/Ingles Como la Segunda Lengua
7:00pm Green Team Meeting
7:00pm Adult Faith Formation—Infancy Narratives

## Wednesday, January 11 - Miércoles, 11 de Enero

9:00am Legion of Mary
10:00am Mass at Rehab Center of Raymore
10:00am Adult Faith Formation—Infancy Narratives
7:00pm Choir Practice (4:00 and 10:30 groups)
7:00pm Advocacy Team
7:00pm Confirmation Sponsor Night

## Thursday, January 12 - Jueves, 12 de Enero

9:30am Quilters
7:00pm Baptism Prep.
7:00pm RCIA/RICA

## Friday, January 13 - Viernes, 13 de Enero

No Scheduled Events

## Saturday, January 14 - Sábado, 14 de Enero

10:00am Platicas Pre-bautismales
3:00pm Confessions
8:00pm Junior High Lock In

## Sunday, January 15 - Domingo, 15 de Enero

9:00am PSR/Parents Lounge
11:00am Escuela de Religión
11:00am Ensayo del Coro Hispano
1:00pm Search Team Meeting

## Getting to Know Your Faith

This year, the St. Sabina Adult Faith Formation Team is offering a series called "Getting to Know Your Faith." Many Catholics see the need for growing in their faith by exploring the richness of the tradition and wisdom that has been handed down to us from those who have gone before us. Taking seriously Vatican II's call to form people into "full, conscious and active" participants in their faith lives, we are offering these sessions to provide another avenue of continued growth in our faith.

Every third Monday of the month, from 7-8:30 PM, we will explore a different topic together that will help us in getting to know our faith better. We will not meet in December and our January session will be on the fourth Monday. The next sessions will be:

Jan 23, 2017– Dialing Down the Heat (on Climate Change), co-sponsored by the St. Sabina Green Team  
Jan 24, 2017, 10-11:30am—Dialing Down the Heat (repeated)

The sessions will be facilitated by Biagio Mazza, Pastoral Associate of St. Sabina Parish. To register, please contact Biagio either by phone at 816-979-3153 or by e-mail at [biagio@stsabinaparish.org](mailto:biagio@stsabinaparish.org).

## Marian Prayer Group Meetings

The Marian Prayer Group will be taking a break from their meetings for the rest of the winter. Meetings will resume on March 13, 2017 after daylight savings time starts.

## Ecumenical Prayer Service on January 16, 2017 at 7 PM at St. Sabina

January 18-25, 2017 is the annual observance of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The theme chosen for 2017 is Reconciliation – The Love of Christ Compels Us (2 Corinthians 5:14-20). Throughout 2017, as we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, join Christians everywhere in praying "that they may all be one" joining our prayer with that of the Lord Jesus Christ. Plan to join us on Monday January 16 at 7 PM as we all pray for Christian Unity.

## Green Team Tip of the Week

Habitat For Humanity ReStore accepts and sells new and gently used building materials and home goods to support their building programs. <http://www.trumanheritagorestore.org/>



## Las Posadas Celebration



On December 18th our parish celebrated Las Posadas, a Latin-American, Advent-time tradition. The celebration began with all participating in a song which tells the story of Joseph and a pregnant Mary looking for a place to stay, where the Christ child would be born. A meal was also shared and the celebration and attendees enjoyed a reenactment and performances done by the children.



## Area Information

### Support Our Seminarians Benefit Dinner- Jan27

The 24th annual Support Our Seminarians Benefit Dinner is dedicated to the 100th anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima. It is scheduled for Friday, January 27, 2017. This event benefits seminarians from the Archdiocese of Kansas City, KS, 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 two wonderful speakers this year, Fr. Richard Storey, who is currently the pastor of Cure of Ars Parish in Leawood, and Cruz Gallegos, who is a senior at Conception. SOS will be held at Union Station, 30 West Pershing Rd, KCMO. The reservation price is \$175 per person with 10 seats per table. To reserve your place, or an entire table, contact Martha Hodes at 913-207-9893 or mmmhsos512@gmail.com. Check out the new website at [www.sopportourseminarians.com](http://www.sopportourseminarians.com).

### Contemporary Spirituality Speaker Series

#### Doubts and Hard Questions Pave the Road to Faith Bill Tammeus

Saturday, January 14, 2017 – Second Presbyterian Church in KC, 9:00 am. – 11:00 am

Bill Tammeus, an elder at Second Presbyterian Church, is past president of the National Society of Newspaper Columnists. A former columnist of the *Kansas City Star*, he contributed to its editorial page and weekly faith section. He writes a daily “*Faith Matters*” blog for the *Star*, and columns for *The Presbyterian Outlook*, *The National Catholic Reporter*, and *Flatland*, KCPT-TV’s digital magazine. Bill has received numerous columnist and writer awards. Among the several books he authored or co-authored are: *A Gift of Meaning* (2001); *They Were Just People: Stories of Rescue in Poland During the Holocaust* (2009); *Jesus, Pope Francis and a Protestant Walk into a Bar* (2015); and *Value of Doubt: Why Unanswered Questions, Not Unquestioned Answers Build Faith* (2016).

**Is your marriage going down the right road or is it a little off track?** Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage.

Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. For more information about our upcoming Kansas City Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, contact registration team: Hutch Battreall @ (816) 244-2177 or visit our website: [HelpOurMarriage.com](http://HelpOurMarriage.com)

# happy birthday

Jacob Aguayo	Karli Goulding	Beyonce Noriega
Lizbeth Aguirre	Brianne Guerra	Jose Nunez
Teresa Aguirre	Kevin Guzman	Rene Nunez
Philip Albin	Michael Hammack	Aron Olivas
Juan Almendarez	Manuel Hernandez	Eloissa Orellana
Maura Arenivas	Mauro Hernandez	Mary Patonai
Yamileth Bejarano Samaniego	Kimberly Herrera	Nicolas Patonai
Yesika Benavides	Kyara Hinojos	Katherine Perez
Nicholas Biondo	Melchor Hinojos	Florentino Piña
Sally Boike	John Hirt	Erandi Placencia
John Borgman	Jacob Hughes	Lily Pointer
Jeremy Brewer	Kathleen Kenyon	Stephen Pritchett
Kylie Brewer	Kristi Klohs	Damiana Ramirez
Galilea Carpio-Rodriguez	Kalen Kronk	Matthew Ratigan
Bradley Coley	Hilario Landa	Patricia Rellihan
Pamela Crosby	Justin Lautner	Juan Rocha
Emiliano Damian	Robert Leuschen	Darlene Rojas
Suzanne Daniels	David Lopez	Cheryl Rugerio
Melissa De la Cruz	Sheldon Lopez	Jeremiah Samson
Marilynn Delaney	Angelika Mackey	Julyssa Sanchez
Elly Dillon	Keylee Mancha	David Schmidt
James Dillon	Antonio Martinez	John Shields
Rose Falco	Kevin Martinez	Paschal Smith
Mia Fiallos	Kevin McCoy	Adam Strickler
Michael Ford	Alan Menjivar	Maura Trejo
Samantha Franco	Flor Menjivar	Aa-Jay Trevino
Yolanda Franco	Alex Mora	Maria Villa
Todd Fuselier	Annaleigh Morgan	David Weakland
Illiana Galvez	Jose Negrete	Cassandra Zamora
Helen Gillespie	Tania Neri	Helen Zmuda

# Happy Anniversary

Jerry and Carolyn Folz	51 Years!	01-15-1966
Scott and Laurie Sigman	26 Years!	01-12-1991
Gilberto and Mely Torres	21 Years!	01-14-1996
Jose and Maria Toledo	19 Years!	01-14-1998

### Baptism Congratulations

Congratulations to Frederick and Danielle Yonker on the baptism of their daughter, Charlotte Elaine!

### Wedding Congratulations

Congratulations to Juan Pablo Alas Rivera and Maria Candida Delgado Mejia who were married on January 7th.



# Pastoral Care

## Nursing Home Mass Schedule

Jan 11 10:00am Rehabilitation of Raymore  
Jan 18 10:00am Foxwood Springs  
Jan 25 11:00am Carnegie Village

## Project Rachel

Healing and Hope after abortion. If you have been through an abortion and are still grieving, Project Rachel can help. Visit [www.ProjectRachelKC.com](http://www.ProjectRachelKC.com) or call 816-591-3804, 913-621-2199 or 1-888-246-1504. Complete confidentiality is assured.

## Hospitalized or Having Surgery?

If you are hospitalized and would like us to know, please call or have a family member call us. Contact Marta Roper at 816-979-3154. Due to privacy laws, hospitals cannot contact us.

If you have an upcoming surgery scheduled and would like to receive the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick prior to your surgery, please contact Marta Roper at 816-979-3154 to schedule a time.



Please pray for the sick and homebound of our parish family.

## Prayer Requests/Peticiones de Oración

Felipe Abarca Butch Ford Elvia Mora  
Belen Antillon Fr. Paul Frank Mona Neighbors  
Marilyn Avalos Emily Frezza Sherril Nevins  
Suzie Ashbaugh Dick Garnier Johnnie Nicholes  
Polleth Bautista Cristian Garcia Jane Nouryeh  
Nikki Barrett Nicholas Geridano Vicki Owen  
Yesika Benavides Wendy Gomez Leon Palomares  
John Bidondo Karen Grantham Gary Palmer  
Allie Biondo Lucy Harlan Thelma Palmer  
Joe Birkenbach Devin Thomas Harley Connie Read  
Kaye Birkenbach Laverne Harlow Patricia Relihan  
David Bland Connie Harper Dawn Schaff  
Yolanda Blanks Jason Hart Noah Stanley  
Christine Carr Jeanette Hart Leo Storm  
Rick Castenada Cherie Hatfield Jim Storm  
Shirley Castor Bob Heffernan Jean Tate  
Barbara Clark Darlene Henderson Ruth Tayler  
Virginia Coday Essie Humbird Angel Thomas  
Steve Collier Kelly Jordon Nancy Torres  
Joseph Coots Bertha Kramer Senny Vigil  
Donna Dailey Kelsey Krum Mary Westfall  
Paul DeMar Debbie Locke Marie Wilburn  
Doris Deschenes Jo Locke Ben Winter  
Richard Deschenes Joe Malena Brenda Winter  
Nolan Dickerson Dick Martin Merle Woolworth  
Frances DiGeorge Dodie Maurer Truly Wright  
Patrick Dull Denise Mehlo Emy Yeater  
Terry Eppert Alice Miller Carmitia Yust  
Pablo Zayas

## Wellness Center

### New Year, Best You

What's next when making health behavior changes? Instead of launching a new habit on a Monday, opt for the first Wednesday of the month. Mondays are inherently prone to long to-do lists

and curveballs. By Wednesday, you'll be more settled in. Another bonus: Starting midweek may lead to greater success because three days is always easier than five. And, really figure out what works for you. Some people do better when they start small; others when they

start big. Some people need to be held accountable; some defy accountability. Some thrive when they give themselves an occasional break; others, when they never break the chain. When we follow our natural tendencies AND make ourselves stretch a little, good results usually happen.

We offer supportive health and wellness coaching. Give us a call to set up an appointment and get 2017 started right!

# 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, please 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 January 23rd.



**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 19th, 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 January 18th. Contact Berenice Zayas in the parish office for more information or to sign up. Phone: 816-979-3150 or email: berenice@stsabinaparish.org.

## First Reconciliation Service

Our First Reconciliation Service will be January 24th at 7pm in the church. Please make every effort to attend this special service for the children of our sacramental preparation classes. When you arrive at the church, please check in with your student's teacher before entering the sanctuary.

## Search Team Meetings

All Peer Ministers serving on the Search retreat team are required to attend the following meetings from 2-5pm in the Parish Hall. We will meet on January 15th, 22nd and 29th and February 4th.

## Junior High Youth!

Your next meetings will be January 18th and February 1st at 7pm.

## 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://kcsjcatholic.org/the-office-of-child-and-youth-protection/>*

## Junior High Sports Lock In!

On January 14th our 7th and 8th graders are invited to attend an overnight lock in at Legacy Park in Lee's Summit. We will leave St. Sabina parish at 8pm on the 14th and return at 6am on the 15th. Youth are welcome to bring a friend and everyone must have a permission slip, which are available on the parish website and will be handed out at the next youth meeting. The cost for this trip is \$25 per youth.

## High School and Confirmation Youth!

Your next meetings will be January 8th and 22nd at 7pm. Confirmation youth will have a Sponsor Night on Wednesday, January 11th at 7pm.



# Stewardship

"Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory."

Isaiah 60: 1-2

The Epiphany should be and is a great Feast for us. The joy we felt at the birth of Christ on Christmas must be renewed today (and every day for that matter). In a sense this is a second Christmas Day as it puts the Lord in a new light. This day manifests the divinity of Jesus. At Christmas it was a few shepherds who were invited by the Angels to go and witness and recognize the Lord. However, today, at the Epiphany, the voice of God calls the whole world, each and every one of us, to adore Jesus, and to hear Him. The Epiphany or the realization of the divinity and saving grace of the Lord should lead us as individuals to a personal epiphany. In a sense an epiphany is representative of conversion, conversion to the truth. If we accept Christ as our Savior and if we truly strive to live our lives as His disciple, we begin to pursue lives of stewardship, lives of love and service. Today of all days should help us in that realization and in that goal.

— See more at [www.catholicsteward.com/blog/](http://www.catholicsteward.com/blog/)

## December 25th Contributions

Envelopes/Sobres/Christmas: \$18,318.29

Plate/Canasta: \$ 2,252.78

Maintenance-Upkeep: \$ 405.00

**January 1st Contributions** Due to early bulletin deadlines, the January 1st contributions will be listed in the January 15th 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.stsabinaparish.org](http://www.stsabinaparish.org), click the "Online Giving" button in the top right section and fill out the online contribution form.

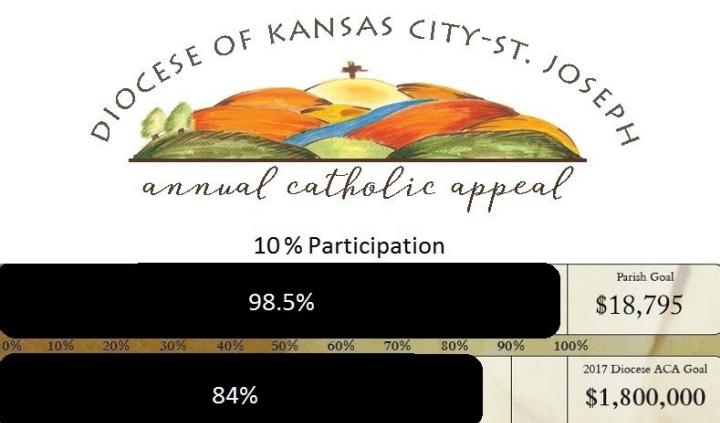
**Donating Securities and Mutual Funds** Are some of your shares of stock or mutual funds higher than when you bought them? This provides you a wise method of giving to St. Sabina Parish.

Donating appreciated stock or mutual fund shares is a strategic gift-planning method. In most cases, the donor receives an itemized deduction in the full amount of the fair market value (FMV) of the shares donated as of the date of the gift. This value is deductible up to 30% of the donor's adjusted gross income and can be carried over for up to five years after the year of the gift. Please consult your financial or legal adviser.

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

The parents of Bob and Pat Heffernan, Gary L. Welborn, Kathryn Reynolds, Gene and Vernita Linenberger, Ben and Kay Schmidt, Joseph F. Falco, Sr., John C. Mayabb, L. James Wolfe, George Pierce, Bob Meiron, Kathleen Muder, Harold Brown, Theresa Brown, Francis Storm, Albert Storm, Marjorie Rhodes, Phil Moore, Pauline Gibson, Grace Ballenger, the Arnone Family, the Pusateri Family, Casey Pointer, the Gebauer Family, Michael Anthony Martinez, Fabian Villeral, Dorothy Wilbur, Lisa Ninci Denny, Nona Strassle, Walter Zmuda, Ivan Dull, Dennis Gornick, Donald Moorman, Elmer C. Parker, Anna Marinelle, Joe Wetler, Karen Taylor, Walt

and Ann Oliver, Pete and Catherine Pickman, Phillip Moore, Albert and Loritta Verhulst, Alfred Ross, Helen Irene Ralston, Brandon Lee Dennis, Jim and Bernardine Martin, Carol Martin, Rose Riek, Dennis Martin, Mary Czarneski, Olga Calice, Henrietta Mercier, Lola Barrios, Justine H. Chrane, Frank P. Fowler, Jr., Franklin P. Fowler, Ellen Fowler, Katherine Fox, Leonard Fox, Donald Lee Fenske, Pat Ann Fenske, The Gogue Family, Mr. and Mrs. Haldorsen, Victoria Davis, Vicente, John and Frank Reyes, Frank and Anita Ninete, Ralph and Ruth Richardson, the Bentley Sooby Family



**Catholic Home Missions Appeal—January 15**

**What is a Home Mission Diocese?** Home Mission dioceses are those dioceses in the United States and its territories and former territories that cannot provide basic pastoral services without outside help. This includes Mass and the sacraments, religious education, and ministry training for priests, deacons, religious sisters, and lay people. Please support CHMA and lift up the lives—and faith—of our brothers and sisters around the country.



# 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 8, the Sunday after January 6, so the Baptism of the Lord is moved from the Sunday after Jan 6 to the Monday after Epiphany Sunday, January 9. 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 a holy day of obligation, beginning a forty day celebration ending on February 2, the feast of Candlemas, linking the light of Christ manifested to the world with the traditional day to bless candles for liturgical use. 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 source 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 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 in 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 deadly 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 it is the challenge that Jesus offers to us in his message and way of acting in the world that needs more of our attention and focus. 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 our recent election and in light of 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 8

**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 15

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

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

**2nd Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

**Gospel:** John 1:29-34



## Bible Study

Catholics are mostly exposed to the Bible through the Sunday Lectionary Readings. In order to help us all enter into the Bible through the Sunday readings, we are offering study sessions that will provide an opportunity to read, to study background to the readings, and to reflect on how to apply the readings to our lives. **We will gather on January 8th and 22nd at 10:30am.** All are welcome. Bring a Bible and a friend. To register for these sessions, please 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 8 de enero, el domingo después del 6 de enero, por lo que el Bautismo del Señor se traslada desde el domingo después del 6 de enero hasta el lunes después de la Epifanía, el 9 de enero. 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 es un día precepto, comenzando una celebración de cuarenta días que termina el 2 de febrero, la fiesta de la Candelaria, que une la luz de Cristo manifestada al mundo con el día tradicional para bendecir velas para uso litúrgico. 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 al pacto 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 venida 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 venida, asumimos su desafío y tratamos de vivirlo de nuevo cada día. Como seguidores de Cristo, somos 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 de nuestra reciente elección y a la luz 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, 8 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, 15 de Enero

**Primera Lectura:** Isaías 49:3, 5-6

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

**Segunda Lectura:** 1 Corintios 1:1-3

**Evangelio:** Juan 1:29-34

# Ministerio Juvenil

## Oportunidades para Voluntarios

**Uplift Org.** Si le gustaría traer comidas a las personas sin hogar en el 4º o 5º 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 4º 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 23 de enero.

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**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 18 de enero. Contacte a Berenice Zayas en la oficina parroquial para más información. 816-979-3150

## Noche de Deportes para los Jóvenes de Junior High

El 14 de enero, nuestros jóvenes del 7º y 8º grado están invitados a asistir a una noche de deportes en el Legacy Park en Lee's Summit. Saldremos de la parroquia de St. Sabina a las 8pm el día 14 y regresaremos a las 6am el día 15. Los jóvenes son bienvenidos a traer un amigo pero todos los que participan deben tener un permiso los cuales están disponibles en el sitio web de la parroquia y se entregarán en la próxima reunión. El costo de este viaje es de \$25 por cada joven.

## Reuniones del Equipo Search

Todos los ministros jóvenes que sirven en el equipo del retiro Search deben asistir a las siguientes reuniones de las 2 a 5pm en el salón parroquial. Nos reuniremos los días 15, 22 y 29 de enero y 4 de febrero.

## Seguridad Infantil

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

- 1) Llame a línea directa de Abuso Infantil en Missouri al 1.800.392.3738 (si la víctima tiene menos de 18 años de edad), y
- 2) Póngase en contacto con su departamento de policía local o llame al 911, y
- 3) Despues 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

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*Todas las personas que son voluntarios con los jóvenes o 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://kcsjcatholic.org/the-office-of-child-and-youth-protection/>*

## Servicio de la Primera Reconciliación

Nuestro Servicio de la Primera Reconciliación será el 24 de enero a las 7pm en la iglesia. Por favor haga todo lo posible para asistir a este servicio especial para los niños de nuestras clases de preparación sacramental. Cuando llegue a la iglesia, por favor pase a ver a su maestro antes de entrar en el santuario.

## Jóvenes de Junior High!

Sus próximas reuniones serán los días 18 de enero y 1 de febrero a las 7pm.

## Jóvenes de High School y Confirmación!

Sus próximas reuniones serán los días 8 y 22 de enero a las 7pm. Habrá una Noche de Padrinos para los de la confirmación el miércoles, 11 de enero.



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## Servicio de Oración Ecuménica el 16 de enero a las 7 PM en St. Sabina

El 18-25 de enero de 2017 es la celebración anual de la Semana de Oración por la Unidad de los Cristianos. El tema elegido para 2017 es la Reconciliación - El Amor de Cristo Nos Urge (2 Corintios 5: 14-20). A lo largo de 2017, al celebrar el quincuagésimo aniversario de la Reforma, acompañe a los cristianos en todas partes en la oración "para que todos sean uno" uniendo nuestra oración con la del Señor Jesucristo. Planee acompañarnos el lunes 16 de enero a las 7:00 pm mientras todos rezamos por la Unidad Cristiana. Este servicio será en inglés.

## La Epifanía y los Tres Reyes Magos

La solemnidad de la Epifanía del Señor es la observancia cristiana que celebra la manifestación pública de la realeza de Jesús al mundo cuando los magos lo visitan y lo adoran. En el Evangelio de Lucas, un ángel del Señor revela a Jesús como "salvador", "Mesías" y "Señor" a los pastores cuando Jesús nace y está puesto en un pesebre (vea Lucas 2). Pero la visita de los Magos revela otra faceta del destino de Jesús: su realeza.

En Mateo, capítulo dos, los Magos anuncian al rey Herodes el propósito de su visita. Llegando a Jerusalén para buscar al Mesías, le preguntan a Herodes, Rey

De Judea, "¿Dónde está el recién nacido rey de los judíos? Vimos su estrella en su ascenso y hemos venido a hacerlo homenaje". Saliendo de Jerusalén y siguiendo el movimiento de la estrella, encuentran al niño Jesús y

a su madre, María, en Belén. Con alegría, se postran ante el Rey y presentan al recién nacido Rey regalos de oro, incienso y mirra. Mediante este acontecimiento profético, la realeza de Jesús se revela, mientras que los regalos traídos que trajeron profetizan el tipo de realeza que Jesús tendría.

Mientras que la tradición sostiene que los Magos eran tres reyes o sabios, la Escritura no dice nada sobre el número de reyes que llegaron para rendir homenaje al Señor, ni tampoco el origen de los Magos (reyes, astrónomos, etc), ni sus nombres. Sin embargo, aunque los detalles están ausentes en las Sagradas Escrituras, la tradición Cristiana sostiene que tres hombres sabios, llamados Gaspar, Melchor, y Baltasar.

La tradición actual en los Estados Unidos muchas veces ve a las familias usando gis para marcar la parte superior de un poste de la puerta de su casa con las iniciales de los tres reyes y el año actual de la Epifanía. Por ejemplo, para la Epifanía del 2017, una familia escribiría "20 + G + M + B + 17". Esta caliza del dintel está generalmente acompañado de una breve bendición ritual de la casa.

—La Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los EE.UU.



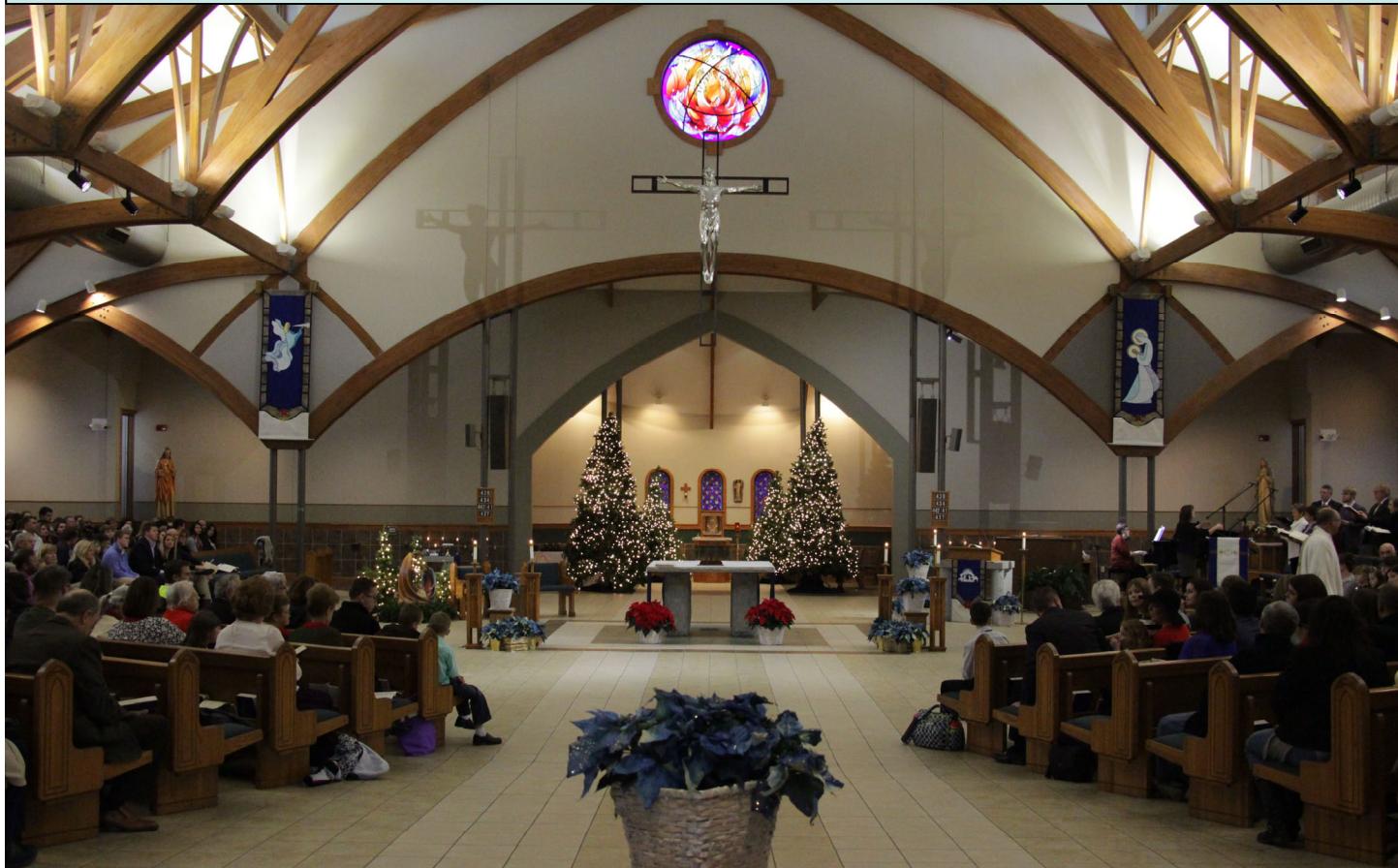
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