

Saint Sabina Catholic Church

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



Thank you to the Ladies Auxiliary, the Junior High Youth Group, and the Hispanic Ministry Team for providing refreshments for our Parish Mission. Pictured above is the Junior High Youth Group with Fr. Bill Rhinehart. More pictures of our Parish Mission on page 4.

Mass Times

Saturday: 4:00pm in English

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

Confessions: Saturdays, 3:00-3:30pm

**Visit our website for Holy Day and special
Mass times.**

Area of Remembrance

Thank you to all who brought pictures in for our Area of Remembrance. It was a lovely display this year and a great reminder of our connection to the Communion of Saints.

We honor your loved ones and continue to keep them in prayer. Please remember to take your pictures home this weekend! Thank you.

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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Intentions for November 27—December 1, 2017

Mon.	8am	COMMUNION SERVICE
Tues.	6pm	COMMUNION SERVICE
Wed.	8am	COMMUNION SERVICE
Thurs.	8am	COMMUNION SERVICE
Fri.	8am	COMMUNION SERVICE

Saturday, December 2, 2017

4:00pm †Emery Dull and Family

Sunday, December 3, 2017

8:00am	Intentions of the Altar Society
10:30am	†Raymond Calice
12:30pm Spanish	†Diego Estrada Gonzalez
	Intenciones de la Familia Parroquial

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

†Fran Birkner, mother of Bill Birkner

†Mary "Joan" Wehner, wife of Bud Wehner

†Bill Reichert, father of Christine Finchum, Bill Reichert and Brian Reichert



Calendar/Parish Happenings

Sunday, November 26 - Domingo, 26 de Noviembre

11:00am Ensayo del Coro Hispano
1:45pm Ensayo para la Obra
6:00pm Ensayo de Matachines

Monday, November 27 - Lunes, 27 de Noviembre

10:00am Uplift Cooking
4:00pm Uplift
5:30pm Marian Prayer Group
7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, November 28 - Martes, 28 de Noviembre

7:00am HS Youth Prayer Breakfast
6:30pm Finance Council Meeting
7:00pm ESL/Inglés Como Segunda Lengua
7:00pm Green Team Meeting
7:00pm Living Stones
7:00pm Ensayo para la Obra
7:00pm Ensayo de Matachines

Wednesday, November 29 - Miércoles, 29 de Noviembre

9:00am Legion of Mary
5:30pm Wedding Liturgy Meeting
7:00pm Choir Practice (4:00 and 10:30 groups)
7:00pm Ensayo de Matachines

Thursday, November 30 - Jueves, 30 de Noviembre

9:30am Quilters
7:00pm Altar Society Meeting
7:00pm RCIA/RICA

Friday, December 1 - Viernes, 1 de Diciembre

6:00pm Ensayo para las Posadas
7:00pm Ensayo para la Obra
7:00pm Ensayo de Matachines

Saturday, December 2 - Sábado, 2 de Diciembre

Altar Society Sale
3:00pm Confessions
6:00pm Ensayo para las Posadas
7:00pm Comienzo de la Novena Guadalupeana

Sunday, November 26 - Domingo, 26 de Noviembre

Altar Society Sale
9:00am PSR/Parents Lounge
9:00am Breakfast with Santa/Desayuno con Santa
11:00am Ensayo del Coro Hispano
11:00am Escuela de Religión
1:30pm Planificación para la Celebración Guadalupeana
1:45pm Ensayo para la Obra
7:00pm Novena Guadalupeana
8:00pm Ensayo de Matachines

Religious Articles Sale

The Altar Society will be selling a beautiful selection of Religious Articles, Jewelry and Advent Items after all Masses on the weekend of Dec 2/3. All proceeds benefit St. Sabina Parish.

Altar Society Meeting

The Altar Society will have their 4th quarter meeting on Thursday, November 30 at 7pm. Please join us in classroom #8 of the education wing!

Christmas Caroling—December 2

The Ladies Auxiliary is sponsoring a bus this year to go Christmas caroling at our area nursing homes on Saturday, December 2 after the 4:00 Mass. If you are interested in caroling with them, contact Nancy Meiron at 816-820-6109.

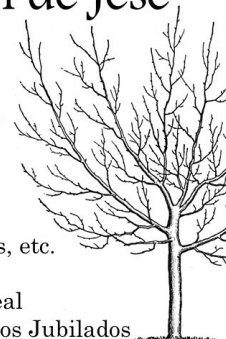
Jesse Tree Collections Colectas del Árbol de Jesé

Dec 2/3 – Toys
Juguetes

Dec 9/10 – Canned Food
Alimentos Enlatados

Dec 16/17 – Gloves, hats, socks, etc.
Guantes, gorros, calcetines, etc.

Dec 23/24 – Religious Retirement Appeal
Apelación para los Religiosos Jubilados



Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve Falls on Sunday this year so it affects our Sunday and Christmas Mass schedule. Please note the difference in Sunday morning Mass times:

Mass times for the 4th Sunday of Advent, Dec 24

4:00 PM Saturday, Dec 23

10:00 AM Sunday, Dec 24--NO 8:00 AM OR 10:30 AM MASS

Christmas Mass times

12:30 PM Sunday, Dec 24 (Spanish)

4:00 PM Sunday, Dec 24

10:00 AM Monday, Dec 25



Parish Happenings



St. Sabina Parish

Invites you and your family to our parish celebration
in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Tuesday, December 12, 2017

6:00pm: Re-enactment of the Apparitions of Our
Lady of Guadalupe to Juan Diego

6:45pm: Matachines Dancers

7:00pm Mass in Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00pm: Fiesta/party



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**Parish
Mission**



Information

'Unwrapping gifts of Advent'

Take pause in the midst of the upcoming holiday rush for a retreat day to reflect on four gifts that Advent can hold: peace, courage, playfulness and hope. Sister Melannie Svoboda, SND, will facilitate the Advent 2017 Day of Prayer on Saturday, Dec. 2, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Ross Chapel at the Mother House of the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth (SCLs). The day of prayer will conclude with Mass at 3:45 p.m. For more information, visit www.marillaccenter.org. Marillac Center, the SCL retreat center, is hosting the day of prayer. Cost is \$35 and includes lunch. Register by Nov. 27. To register, email retreats@scls.org or call 913-758-6552.

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.

Area Advent Reconciliation Service

St. Regis/St. Matthew Advent Reconciliation Service will be at St. Regis Church on Wednesday, December 13 at 6pm.



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MARRIED COUPLES NIGHT OF RECOLLECTION

date night - advent
thurs, dec 7
6:30-7:30pm
St. Peter's (kcmo)

Adoration, advent reflection,
scripture, live praise music,
candles, silence, confession...



school
of love

happy birthday

Theresa Ailshire	Dennis Glaser	Ruben Oropeza
Tailer Armenta	Aaron Goldsmith	Leonardo Ortega
Teresa Arroyo	Julio Gracida	Zugey Ortega
Nancy Baker	Victor Guerrero	Michelle Owens
Matalin Barberis	Ryan Hale	Rachael Palmer
Sheila Birkner	Erick Hernandez	Eddie Palomares
Doug Butscher	Lucas Hernandez	Jacqueline Parker
Guadalupe Campos	Scott Hilworth	Jennifer Parker
Rosalva Canchola	Daniel Hintz	Krisla Peterman
Brandon Carmona	Samantha Hoffmann	Joel Pina
Manuela Carrasco	Theresa Howard	Preston Pointer
Judith Carrera	Braxton Hoyt	Elisabeth Quiroz
Jasmine Cervantes	Chance Hummel	Jaiden Rewald
Gerardo Coreas	Clara Jakobe	Teresa Richardson
Emily Cortes	Nadia Jimenez	Rubi Rios
Robin Crutcher	Nick Lager	Javier Rivera
Jonathan Cruz	Sydney Latham	Tiffanie Rodriguez
Jorge Damian	Erin Lowther	Virginia Rojo
Wendy Duran	Maria Marquez	Omar Sanchez
Heidy Escobar	Melvin Marquez	Benjamin Sell
Yennifer Escobar	Leonardo Martinez	Nickolas Shelley
Yocelin Escobar	Ryan Martinez	Kathryn Stewart
Elvira Garay	Ana McIntosh	Jovel Tobias
Yan Garcia	Aspen Michalski	Brian Velazquez
Austin Gardiner	Patrick Murphy	Collin Wall
Al Gebauer	Fidencio Navarro	

Happy Anniversary

Richard and Kathleen Owen	55 Years!	12/1/1962
James and Rosemarie Wall	53 Years!	11/28/1964
John and Debbie Borgman	37 Years!	11/28/1980
David and Melody DeRosear	28 Years!	12/2/1989
Clemente Landa and Azucena Abonza	23 Years!	12/3/1994
Transito Vides and Mercedes Rosa	22 Years!	12/1/1995
Jonathan and Kristian Rayos	22 Years!	12/2/1995
Omar and Marissa Carbajal	20 Years!	11/28/1997
Daniel and Maira Lopez	18 Years!	11/27/1999
Raymond and Carol Miederhoff	16 Years!	12/1/2001
Adalberto Rivera and Antonia Molina	11 Years!	11/29/2006
Phillip and Maria Rodriguez	7 Years!	11/27/2010
John and Diane Hirt	2 Years!	12/3/2015



Stewardship

"Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?' And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.'"

Matthew 25: 37-40

People tend to say "I go to church." In reality, Christ does not call us to "go" to church; He calls us to be Church. We should live our lives in such a way that it is clear we are Catholic and Christian and part of Christ's Kingdom, for He is our King. Were you aware that the name "Christ" is a royal title in itself? In Greek it means "the anointed king." St. Paul referred to the Lord as "king of kings and lord of lords," a phrase with which we are familiar. If we accept Christ as our King, and if we live our lives as His disciples and followers we are certainly part of His Kingdom. — See more at www.catholicsteward.com/blog/

Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA)

Thanks to the 173 families who have contributed to the Annual Catholic Appeal. So far we have received \$18,322.00 in pledges and contributions. We are trying to achieve 100% participation; 11.2% of our families have made a contribution or pledge thus far.

Is St. Sabina on Your Christmas Gift List?

We are officially in Christmas shopping season. Please remember our parish as you prepare your Christmas gifts and finish your giving for the end of the year. Your gifts to our parish help pay the utilities to keep it running, provide necessary supplies for our programs and ministries, allow us to create fellowship opportunities for our parish family, pay our staff who keep things running smoothly, and cover unexpected repair and maintenance expenses. The livelihood of our parish depends on the gifts of all members of our parish family. Please prayerfully consider making a special Christmas and year end gift in addition to your regular tithing. Remember that in order to get a tax deduction for your 2017 gifts, they must be delivered or post-marked by December 31, 2017!

Green Team Tip of the Week

Teach kids of all ages about the environment with computer and board games <https://www.climateinteractive.org/policy-exercises-and-serious-games/19-climate-games-that-could-change-the-future/>

Contributions for November 19

Due to an early bulletin deadline, the contributions for November 19 will be listed in the December 3 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.

Food for the Poor - Dec 2-3

On the weekend on December 2-3 we welcome Fr. Chris Steinle from Food for the Poor. He will speak to us about their ministry of feeding hundreds of thousands of people everyday, primarily in 17 countries throughout the Caribbean and Latin America.

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

Psalm 116:12



66%

\$27,775

Annual Catholic Appeal weekend
October 21-22, 2017

44%

2018 Diocese ACA Goal
\$2,000,000

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annual catholic appeal
2018

This Giving Tuesday,
share your gifts of time,
talent and treasure with
your favorite charity or
ministry!

#GIVINGTUESDAY
NOVEMBER 28, 2017



Pastoral Care

Nursing Home Mass Schedule

Nov 29 8:00am	St. Sabina (5th Wednesday)
Dec 6 10:30am	Beautiful Savior (Communion Service)
Dec 13 10:00am	Redwood of Raymore

Prayer Requests/Peticiones de Oración

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

The Holiday Season can be difficult when you are grieving the loss of a loved one.

Grieving a Loss Through the Holidays

- Allow yourself to feel your emotions on that special day, don't feel that you need to just "get over it." You may want to write your feelings down in a journal.
- Take time with family and friends and share memories of your loved one that died.
- Light a candle in honor of your deceased loved one. Set a picture out and tell stories of his or her life.
- Don't avoid long-standing traditions. Children often find comfort in them. On the other hand, new traditions say you are still a family.
- Some days, putting one foot in front of the other is all you can do. But it's enough!
- Be open to good experiences that the holidays may bring.

Carnegie Village 10th Annual Pastors Luncheon

Carnegie Village will be hosting their **"10th Annual Pastors Luncheon"** Monday, December 4th at noon. They invite all senior adults to attend. RSVP by November 27 to CARNEGIE VILLAGE at 816-331-7848.

Wellness Center

Did you know reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body? There are countless benefits we receive when we read. Here are a few of those benefits.

1. **Reading stimulates the mind and improves your memory**— Keeping your brain active and engaged prevents it from losing its power by sharpening its logical ability. The brain, though an organ, operates very much like a muscle – you have to exercise it to keep it healthy and strong.
2. **Reading expands your vocabulary** – The more you read, the more words you are exposed to. These words will inevitably make their way into your everyday vocabulary. You'll become more articulate and well-spoken.
3. **Reading boosts concentration** – In our internet-crazed world, attention is drawn in a million different directions at once as we attempt to juggle several tasks at once. While reading a book, however, all of your attention is focused on the story—causing the rest of the world to fall away as you immerse yourself in every fine detail seen from the point of view of another.
4. **Reading feeds your imagination** – The story of a book will absorb your mind so let your imagination fly. While you are reading, you are building images, faces, places, colors, settings and stimulating your creative juices.
5. **Reading reduces stress** – No matter how much stress you are going through at work, in your personal life or anywhere else, reading a good story can help you take your mind off these difficult situations.
6. **Reading helps you acquire knowledge** – Everything you read fills your head with new bits of information, and you never know when it might come in handy. The more knowledge you have, the better-equipped you are and the more able you become to tackle challenges. Even if you ever were to lose everything you physically possess, your brain has an unlimited capacity for storing and using knowledge you've acquired all your life. Use it!

So, step away from the computer for a little while, crack open a book, unwind and **Read**.



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 Monday, November 27th.**

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 December 21st, 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 December 20th.** Contact Berenice Zayas for more information or to sign up at 816-979-3150 or berenice@stsabinaparish.org.

Youth News

Tuesday Morning Donuts! Every Tuesday 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 December 13th, 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.

On December 10th, the High School Youth Group will be stuffing stockings for the homeless of Kansas City through Uplift Organization. We are accepting donations of travel size toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, mouthwash, toothpaste, toothbrushes, lotion, hand sanitizer, deodorant etc.), small snacks,

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/>

candles, matches, hand and foot warmers, Christmas cards, ribbon and candy. You may drop your gift off at the Youth Office during the week during office hours or after Masses in the Uplift box in the back of church. If you have any questions about your donation, please contact Kirstie Roberts in the Youth Office.

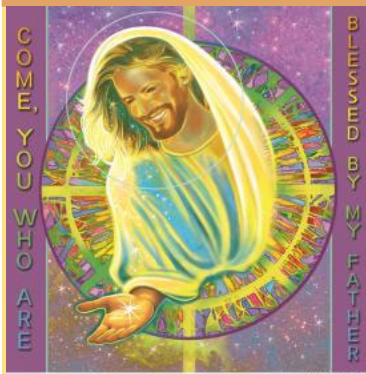
PSR News

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!

Breakfast with Santa The second grade PSR class will be hosting Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, December 3, 8:30am-noon. Come enjoy a pancake breakfast and get your wish list in to Santa! Tickets can be purchased ahead of time in the School of Religion. Adults are \$10 each, Families are \$20 each. Age 2 and under are free. Funds will help the second grade class purchase Christmas gifts for a family in need.



Reflection on the Readings



and ensuing judgment. *Today, Matthew's gospel reading from chapter 25 makes specific the basis for that final judgment.*

The first reading from Ezekiel articulates how deeply committed God, our shepherd, is to all creation, caring in a special way for the sick, the lost, the strayed, the scattered and the injured. *While we ourselves are often the sheep in need of God's care, God invites us to be shepherds who reach out to protect and care for the sheep. In this vein, Pope Francis challenges us that, as shepherds, we have to take on the smell of the sheep.* God so cares for and identifies with the sheep that caring for anyone in need is showing care and concern for God. Ezekiel claims that we will be judged on such a lifestyle.

Those paying attention to Jesus' example and teaching will not be surprised by the coming judgment. *God, through Jesus, manifests all that a good shepherd does for the sheep.* Psalm 23 reveals our God as one who continually guides, cares, feeds, welcomes, hosts and shepherds us. With the psalmist we are called to proclaim that "The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want." *Jesus came to concretize God's love for us, calling us to do for one another what God continues to do for us.*

Final judgment will separate sheep from goats based on care, concern, compassion and kindness towards anyone in need, most especially the weak and powerless. In so doing, we are acknowledging and caring for Christ, who intimately and deeply identifies with all in need. *The king's words "Come" or "Depart" reflect the lifestyle and choices that others have made throughout their lives. Ultimately, we choose, through our everyday*

Today is the last Sunday of Liturgical Year A. *The final Sunday of Ordinary time celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.* For several weeks, we have been listening to passages from Matthew's gospel, which call us to readiness and alertness in view of Jesus' final coming

actions toward others, what our final destiny will be.

Going to church, praying, and devotion to God, while important, are not the basis for final judgment according to Matthew. Rather, welcoming hospitality of care and concern for the least of our brothers and sisters is the true proof of our lived spirituality. *If our spirituality does not flow out into such loving care and concern for others, then it is for naught.*

Paul's first letter to the Corinthians boldly claims that through Christ's passion, death and resurrection we have all been given new life. We are called to share in Christ's life-giving activity by living the Jesus lifestyle. *Love of others is love of God. In so doing, we partner with Jesus in bringing about the fulfillment of all creation, and the eternal establishment of God's forever reign, "so that God may be all in all."*

The last Sunday of the Liturgical year is an excellent time to assess how faithful we have been to Christ's call to love as deeply and as intimately as we have been loved. Take time this week to reflect on how you have shown care and concern for those in need this past year. If you have responded with love and compassion to others this past year, then recommit yourself to continue the Jesus life style. If you have not done so well this past year, resolve to do something concrete and specific for others in need. *Make a list of possible concrete actions that you can follow through on whether it be in your family, church, community or city.*

The beginning of another new year of grace next Sunday, the first Sunday of Advent, is the ideal opportunity to resolve to do for others what God continually does for us. This Advent, how will you show care and concern for all in need? Take time to love others as intimately and as caring as God loves and cares for us.

Biagio Mazza, Pastoral Associate

Readings



Bible Study

Sunday, November 26

1st Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

Psalm: Psalm 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 (1)

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

Sunday, December 3

1st Reading: Isaiah 63:16b-17; 64:2-7

Psalm: Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

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 date is Dec. 10th 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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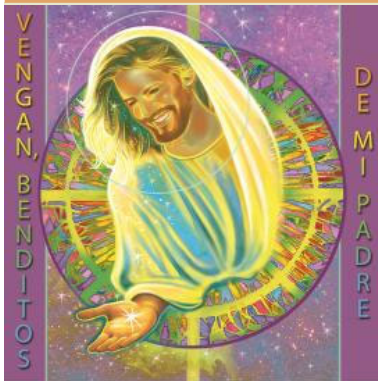
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Reflexión Sobre las Lecturas



Hoy es el último domingo del año litúrgico 'A'. *El último domingo del tiempo ordinario celebra la solemnidad de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, Rey del Universo.* Durante varias semanas, hemos estado escuchando pasajes del Evangelio de Mateo, que nos llaman a estar listos y alertas a la vista de la venida final de Jesús y el juicio subsiguiente. *Hoy, la lectura del evangelio de Mateo del capítulo 25 especifica la base para ese juicio final.*

La primera lectura de Ezequiel expresa que tan comprometido está Dios, nuestro pastor, con toda la creación, cuidando de manera especial a los enfermos, los perdidos, los descarriados, los dispersos y los heridos. *Si bien nosotros mismos muchas veces somos las ovejas que necesitan el cuidado de Dios, Dios nos invita a ser pastores que se esfuerzan por proteger y cuidar a las ovejas. En este sentido, el Papa Francisco nos desafía a que, como pastores, tenemos que adquirir el olor de las ovejas.*

Dios cuida y se identifica con las ovejas de tal manera que el cuidado de cualquier persona necesitada muestra cuidado e interés por Dios. Ezequiel afirma que seremos juzgados por ese estilo de vida.

Aquellos que prestan atención al ejemplo y a la enseñanza de Jesús no se sorprenderán con el juicio venidero. *Dios, a través de Jesús, manifiesta todo lo que un buen pastor hace por las ovejas.* El Salmo 22 revela a nuestro Dios como alguien que continuamente nos guía, cuida, alimenta, acoge, hospeda y nos apacienta. Con el salmista estamos llamados a proclamar que "El Señor es mi pastor; nada me falta". *Jesús vino a concretar el amor de Dios por nosotros, llamándonos a hacer el uno por el otro lo que Dios continúa haciendo por nosotros.*

El juicio final separará las ovejas de las cabras con base en el cuidado, la preocupación, la compasión y la bondad hacia cualquier persona necesitada, especialmente los débiles e impotentes. Al hacerlo, reconocemos y cuidamos a Cristo, quien se identifica íntimamente y profundamente con todos los necesitados. *Las palabras del rey "Vengan" o "Apártense" reflejan el estilo de vida y las elecciones que otros han hecho a lo largo de sus vidas. En última instancia, elegimos, a través de nuestras acciones cotidianas hacia los demás, cuál será nuestro destino final.*

Ir a la iglesia, orar, y la devoción a Dios, aunque importante, no son la base para el juicio final de acuerdo con Mateo. Más bien, la hospitalidad de bienvenida de cuidado y preocupación por los más pequeños de nuestros hermanos y hermanas es la verdadera prueba de nuestra espiritualidad vivida. *Si nuestra espiritualidad no fluye hacia tal amoroso cuidado y preocupación por los demás, entonces es en vano.*

La primera carta de Pablo a los Corintios afirma con valentía que a través de la pasión, la muerte y la resurrección de Cristo todos hemos recibido nueva vida. Estamos llamados a compartir la actividad que da vida de Cristo mediante el estilo de vida de Jesús. *Amar a los demás es amar a Dios. Al hacerlo, nos asociamos con Jesús para lograr el cumplimiento de toda la creación y el establecimiento eterno del Reino de Dios para siempre, "para que Dios sea todo en todas las cosas".*

El último domingo del año litúrgico es un excelente momento para evaluar que tan fieles hemos sido al llamado de Cristo de amar tan profundamente y tan íntimamente como hemos sido amados. Tómese tiempo esta semana para reflexionar sobre cómo ha mostrado cuidado y preocupación por los necesitados este año pasado. Si ha respondido con amor y compasión a otros el año pasado, comprométase a continuar con el estilo de vida de Jesús. Si no lo ha hecho tan bien el año pasado, resuelva hacer algo concreto y específico para otros que lo necesiten. *Haga una lista de posibles acciones concretas que puede llevar a cabo, ya sea en su familia, iglesia, comunidad o ciudad.*

El comienzo de otro nuevo año de gracia el próximo domingo, el primer domingo de Adviento, es la oportunidad ideal para decidir hacer por los demás lo que Dios continuamente hace por nosotros. Este Adviento, ¿cómo mostrará cuidado y preocupación por todos los necesitados? Tómese el tiempo para amar a los demás tan íntimamente y tan afectuosamente como Dios nos ama y se preocupa por nosotros.

Biagio Mazza, Asociado Pastoral

Lecturas



Lecturas del Domingo, 26 de Noviembre

Primera Lectura: Ezequiel 34:11-12, 15-17

Salmo: Salmo 22:1-2a, 2b-3, 5, 6

Segunda Lectura: 1 Corintios 15:20-26, 28

Evangelio: Mateo 25:31-46

Lecturas del Domingo, 3 de Diciembre

Primera Lectura: Isaías 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7

Salmo: Salmo 79:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19

Segunda Lectura: 1 Corintios 1:3-9

Evangelio: Marcos 13:33-37

Noticias Juveniles

Donas los Martes 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 13 de diciembre, 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.

El 10 de diciembre, el Grupo Juvenil de la High School rellenará calcetines navideños para las personas sin hogar de Kansas City a través de la Organización Uplift. Estamos aceptando donaciones de artículos de higiene (champú, acondicionador, enjuague bucal, pasta de dientes, cepillos de dientes, loción, desinfectante para manos, desodorante, etc.), pequeños bocadillos, velas, cerillas, calentadores de manos y pies, tarjetas de Navidad, listones y dulces. Puede dejar su donación en la Oficina de la Juventud durante la semana durante el horario de oficina o después de las Misas en la caja de Uplift en espacio de reunión. Si tiene alguna pregunta sobre su donación, comuníquese con Kirstie Roberts en la Oficina de la Juventud.

Noticias de la Escuela de Religión

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Desayuno con Santa Claus el domingo, 3 de diciembre de las 8:30am-12:00pm. ¡Vengan a disfrutar de un desayuno de hot cakes y entreguen sus listas de deseos a Santa! Los boletos se pueden comprar con anticipación en la Escuela de Religión. Los adultos cuestan \$10 cada uno, las familias cuestan \$20 cada una. Precios para niños también estarán disponibles. Los fondos recaudados ayudarán a los niños a comprar regalos de Navidad para una familia necesitada.

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/>



Información/Corresponsabilidad

Platicas Pre-Bautismales - 9 de Diciembre

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. **No se ofrece cuidado de niños.**

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Gracias a las 75 familias que han contribuido a la Apelación Católica Anual. Hasta ahora hemos recibido \$10,384.00 en promesas y contribuciones. Estamos tratando de lograr el 100% de participación; 4.9% de nuestras familias han hecho una contribución o promesa hasta el momento.

Novena a la Virgen de Guadalupe



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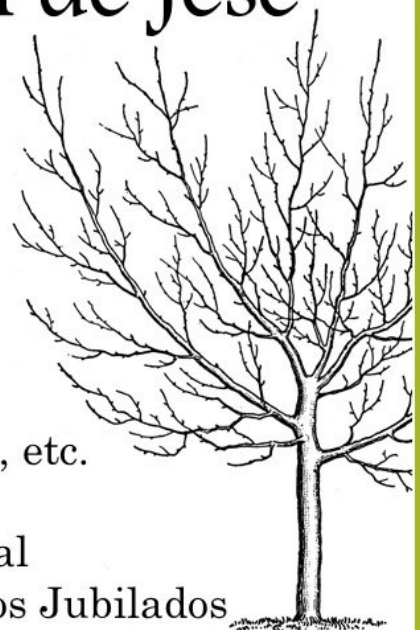
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Horarios de Misa

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Área de Conmemoración

Gracias a todos los que trajeron fotos para nuestra Área de Conmemoración. Fue una exhibición encantadora este año y un gran recordatorio de nuestra conexión con la Comunión de los Santos. Honramos a sus seres queridos y continuamos mantenerlos en oración. Por favor, recuerda llevar sus fotos a casa este fin de semana! Gracias.