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



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Remember, Renew, Rejoice...



**Thank you to members of our
Love Thy Neighbor Team who
have helped sort and move
Jesse Tree donations this
Advent Season: Sandy Katzer,
Elijah, Erin, Bridget, and Sarah
Wheeler (not pictured)!**

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.**

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Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2019

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Intentions for December 16-20, 2019

Mon.	8am	Communion Service
Tues.	11am	†Don Bannerman
Wed.	10am	†Don Bannerman (Foxwood Springs)
Thurs.	8am	†Jerrie Holden
Fri.	8am	†Kaye Birkenbach

Saturday, December 21, 2019

4:00pm	†Charles Bybee Sr
	†Charles Bybee Jr
	Intentions of Our Parish Family

Sunday, December 22, 2019

8:00am	†Darrell Littler
10:30am	†Carrie Carrollo
12:30pm Spanish	†Natividad Meza
	†Griselda Castillo Armenta

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

†**Kaye Birkenbach**, sister-in-law of Mary Kottenbrock and Rita Birkenbach, aunt of Kris Larkey

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



Calendar/Information

Sunday, December 15 - Domingo, 15 de Diciembre

- 8:30am PSR Teachers Brunch
- 9:00am PSR/Parents Lounge
- 10:15am Desayuno para Catequistas
- 11:00am Escuela de Religión/Padres Hacen Piñatas
- 11:00am Ensayo del Coro Hispano
- 7:00pm Confirmation and High School Youth

Monday, December 16 - Lunes, 16 de Diciembre

- 6:30pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, December 17 - Martes, 17 de Diciembre

- 11:30am Church Decorating for Christmas
- 7:00pm Living Stones

Wednesday, December 18 - Miércoles, 18 de Diciembre

- 9:00am Legion of Mary
- 10:00am Mass at Foxwood Springs
- 7:00pm Boy Scout Religious Emblem Class
- 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (4:00 and 10:30 groups)
- 7:00pm PSR/Junior High Christmas Party
Fiesta Navideña de la Escuela de Religión
- 7:00pm Knights Christmas Party

Thursday, December 19 - Jueves, 19 de Diciembre

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

Friday, December 20 - Viernes, 20 de Diciembre

No Scheduled Events

Saturday, December 21 - Sábado, 21 de Diciembre

- 3:00pm Confessions

Sunday, December 22 - Domingo, 22 de Diciembre

- 11:00am Ensayo del Coro Hispano
- 1:30pm Las Posadas

Christmas Caroling

All are invited to join the Ladies Auxiliary in Christmas Caroling at local nursing homes on Friday, December 20. A bus will leave from the St. Sabina gym parking lot at 5pm to take carolers to Carnegie Village, Foxwood Springs and Benton House. Please RSVP to Nancy Meiron if you would like to go so that she can plan for bussing accordingly, 816-820-6109.



Journey to Bethany Diocesan Healing Program

Our Diocesan Vision, One Family: Restored in Christ – Equipped for Mission, identifies the need for healing and restoration. Bishop Johnston, in collaboration with lay faithful, has established Journey to Bethany, a program designed to address a variety of wounds and broaden awareness of healing resources within our diocese. This program will initially focus on those harmed by clergy sexual abuse. An email survey, titled “Bishop Johnston’s Healing Our Family Survey” will soon to be sent to randomly selected parishioners throughout the diocese. Your responses will help identify the manner by which we can assist all of those impacted by clergy sexual abuse. Those who do not receive the email survey will have opportunities to attend presentations to hear results and provide additional input. Thank you for your participation, support and prayers!

Christmas Mass Times

4:00 PM Tuesday, Dec 24 with music and readings prior to Mass beginning at 3:15 PM.

10:00 AM Wednesday, Dec 25 with prelude music beginning at 9:40 AM. Everyone from age 1 to 99 is invited to bring bells to play on the last song at this Mass!

12:30 PM Wednesday, Dec 25 (Spanish language)



Information

This Week's Do You Know Video:

On Dec 12, the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Patroness of the Americas, the Hispanic community honors Mary, not only with words and prayers, but with their whole bodies. They dance before the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe in native American costumes and movements known as the Matachines. The Matachines trace their origins to both Spanish and native American traditions. It was and still is very common to use art forms of all sorts, especially choreographed dance and costumes to give glory and honor to God, and to honor Mary as the Mother of God. This Catholic tradition is celebrated every Dec 12 among the Hispanic communities of the Americas. Do make the effort to participate in such a rich celebration and learn a new way to honor God and Mary. Make time to view this week's DYK video to learn more about the Matachines in our parish community and how you can be part of the celebration.



Baptism Congratulations

Marie Jolene Van Brunt, daughter of Colin Van Brunt and Maegan Lambrecht

Olivia Nora Gomez, daughter of Bryan and Ana Gomez

Noah Daniel Harder, Eziriah David Harder, and Roman Dale Harder, children of Ivan and Erika Keesoon



Youth Basketball Tournament

Over the holiday break, it is difficult for CYO and Parochial League teams to practice and play to improve before starting back up their season. The 12th Annual Best of KC Catholic Youth Basketball Tournament is a perfect opportunity for your team to play in some fun, competitive games and improve as well.

- When: December 30, 2019 and January 1, 2020
- Who: Boys and Girls 3rd-8th Grade Teams. Teams of all levels are encouraged to play.
- Where: Avila University, Sion High School, Rockhurst High School, St. Thomas More
- Cost: \$150 per team (Registration Deadline is December 17th at Noon)
- Info: <http://catholicyouthbasketball.com/>
- Questions: Tournament Director Jim Huber at (816) 728-2341 / jim@coachhuber.com

happy birthday

Azucena Abonza	Lucy Hinojos	Arminda Perez
Abigail Arroyo	Evelyn Hinojos	Gisela Perez
Charlotte Blair	Claudia Hinojos	Charles Pfeffer
Shirley Chevalier	Neida Hinojos	Edil Ramos
Danny Chevalier	Kristina Jacobs	Barb Rewald
Thomas Coovert	Ana Jimenez	Emily Rocha
Liliana Cortez	Greg Karr	Jesus Santillanes
Spencer Dreas	Michelle Kopek	George Scott
Alexandra Estrella	Alana Lamley	Shelby Shatford
Jose Flores	Kersten Laughlin	Maria Solares
Robert Garcia	Alexander Mata Santillanes	Laura Solomon
Ramon Gomez	Eric Mendoza	Abram Sosa
Bryan Gomez	Sadie Morales- Garcia	Fernando Suarez
Daniel Gomez	Tom Moran	Francisco Torres
Jesus Gonzalez	Kaiden Mueller	Cooper Tracy
Alexa Gutierrez	Jasmine Munoz	Margaret Vargo
Dewayne Hammack	Marcos Navarrete	Irma Vieyra
Beth Heide	LuAnn Nelson	Victor Vieyra
Don Hemmen	Mark Nichols	Katherine Walker
Esteban Hernandez	Araceli Noriega	Gissel Zarco
Adan Hernandez	Olga Olvera	Javier Zavala

Happy Anniversary

Al and Kathleen Gebauer	67 Years!	12/16/1952
Terry and Mary Eppert	51 Years!	12/21/1968
Edward and Gwen McGuire	30 Years!	12/22/1989
Angel and Arleen Martinez	27 Years!	12/19/1992
Julio and Alberta Jaimes	25 Years!	12/19/1994
Gerzo and Obdulia Guerrero	24 Years!	12/16/1995
Luis Hinojos and Maria Varela	23 Years!	12/21/1996
Jason and Stephanie Jones	23 Years!	12/21/1996
Juan Medina and Elisabeth Quiroz	9 Years!	12/18/2010

Calling all Marriage Encounter Couples...

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

Pastoral Care

Nursing Home Mass Schedule

Dec 18	10:00am	Foxwood Springs
Dec 25	Christmas Masses at St. Sabina	
Jan 1	10:00am	Holy Day Mass at St. Sabina

The National Catholic Office for the Deaf

“Pastoral Week 2020” The National Catholic Office for the Deaf (NCOD) will be hosting their national conference “Pastoral Week 2020: Bread of Life, Heart of Christ” in the Kansas City metro area January 9-13, 2020. This is the first time Kansas City has hosted this conference and it is an amazing opportunity for deaf and hard of hearing individuals in the Mid-West region to have access to national speakers so as to learn more about their Catholic faith, how to be active in the Church, and how to serve as missionary disciples to evangelize their deaf brothers and sisters in Christ. To register for the conference, email ncodmidwest3@gmail.com or call: VP 913-324-5378.

Bulletin Prayer Request List

Parishioners who are ill, or who have a loved one who is ill, may request to have the person remembered on the bulletin Prayer Request list. Names will remain on the list for two months but may be resubmitted upon request. Please remember permission must be given by the individual before the name can be published. To add or remove a name from the list contact Marta Roper in the parish office at 816-979-3154 or by email at marta@stsabinaparish.org.

Prayer Requests/Peticiones de Oración

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

Deaf Interpreted Sunday Mass

DEC 21 at St Catherine of Siena Parish, 4:00pm

DEC 29 at St Joseph the Worker Parish, Independence at 9:30am

Wellness Center

Did You Know— Half of your happiness depends on conscious choices you make every day, choices that with time, become habits.

Eat a healthy diet. Physically, and to some extent emotionally, you become what you eat. That makes your diet extremely important. Three aspects to pay attention to are what you eat, how much you eat and how you eat.

- **What you eat.** Eat a balanced diet. Choose whole grains, nuts, fish, vegetables, protein and fiber. Eat a variety of foods to get a broad range of nutrients.
- **How much you eat.** Stop eating when you feel just a little full. If you pause a few minutes after feeling lightly full, you will soon feel comfortably full.
- **How you eat.** Try a "slow-small-savor" approach. Eat slowly, chewing your food well. Take small bites. And savor each morsel.

Keep your body agile. Almost everything you want in life will be easier to achieve if you're more physically

active. Each week, most healthy adults should get at least 150 minutes of moderate or 75 minutes of vigorous aerobic activity, in addition to muscle-strengthening exercises. Work toward getting enough physical activity with these ideas:

- **Find practical ways to fit in fitness.** Park your car farther away from the store, walk up the stairs, schedule a meeting away from your office, walk to where you choose to eat, schedule a family walk and enjoy holiday decorations.
- **Combine physical activity with joyful attention.** While taking a walk *take in* the beauty that surrounds you; green grass, the blue sky, and the sizes and shapes of the clouds. *Take in* a deep breathe, inhaling peace and contentment, and exhale anxiety and stress.



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HEALTHY COMMUNITIES



Stewardship

Planned Giving

The spirit of giving is strongest as Christmas approaches. You can make that wonderful spirit last by making a planned gift to our parish, either an outright gift now or a gift from your estate in the future. For more information, contact Kris with questions. Or, contact Laura Gray at gray@diocesekcsj.org, 816-714-2363.

Christmas Shopping & AmazonSmile Donations

Did you know that we are eligible to receive donations based on your Amazon purchases? Last quarter, we received donations based off of over \$3000 of your purchases! Please remember this while doing your Christmas shopping! To support us in this way, be sure to do your Amazon shopping through smile.amazon.com and select "St. Sabina Catholic Church, Belton" as your charity of choice.



Select
**St. Sabina Catholic
Church, Belton**
as your charity of choice
and a percentage of your
purchases will be
donated to our parish!

#1 holiday hack:

When you buy your gifts
at **smile.amazon.com**,
Amazon donates.



"Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not complain, brothers and sisters, about one another, that you may not be judged. Behold, the Judge is standing before the gates. Take as an example of hardship and patience, brothers and sisters, the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord."

James 5: 8-10

Lest we grow weary as we await the glorious day of Christ's return, St. James, in our second reading, offers wise counsel. "Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord... Make your hearts firm... Do not complain, brothers and sisters, about one another, that you may not be judged." This is excellent advice for us Christian stewards as we face the challenges of everyday life in our broken world, especially in the hectic days that precede Christmas, when stress can make us and those around us less than our best selves. St. James reminds us that we can choose our response to both the great strains and the minor annoyances of life. In other words, we can be good stewards of our attitude, "making our hearts firm" by practicing patience with others and refusing to give in to the temptation to complain. We can choose to see and rejoice in God's presence with us, no matter the circumstances surrounding us.— See more at www.catholicsteward.com/blog/.

Contributions for December 8

Envelopes/Sobres:	\$12,351.77
Plate/Canasta:	\$ 1,553.66
Maintenance-Upkeep:	\$ 1,567.00

Thank You from the Parents Lounge Group

We wanted to extend a HUGE thank you this year to our parish family. The stuff the Turkey collection helped 7 families this year with Thanksgiving baskets and some extras for this holiday season. The parents of the Parents Lounge wish to thank all who donated canned goods, turkeys, gift cards and their selflessness to make this Thanksgiving a special one for those in need. We are so very thankful to be a part of such a wonderful and generous community and wish all a very happy holiday season.

Green Team Tip of the Week

The Green Team is continuing to collect aluminum cans for recycling from Parish events in the gym. Please rinse the cans and place in tied bags for transportation.

Love Thy Neighbor Team

Would you be interested in helping meet the needs of our Parish community and the greater community? The Love Thy Neighbor team at St Sabina meets regularly to plan and facilitate events that support our community, like our annual diaper drive. We also act as a Care Team, seeking to assist with the needs of our Parish community. We'd love to have you be a part of our team! If you are interested, or have any questions, please contact Bridget Hernandez in the church office.

Community Garden Thanks

The Community Garden harvested over 1815 lbs of fresh food to feed our neighbors in need. Thanks to all who donated Amazon Smile purchases to help this ministry, as well as Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Lisa Janner, David Pierce, Denny Retter, Michelle Rose, Robert Skaggs, Steve Wasleski, and Yvonne Garman! Contact David Pierce 816-392-1110 to help next year.



Stewardship

Online Giving

St. Sabina offers an online giving option for parishioners and visitors. This is an easy, safe and secure way to make contributions online. To set up a one-time or recurring contribution: go to our parish website at www.stsabina-parish.org, click the "Online Giving" button in the top right section and fill out the online contribution form.



Retirement Fund for Religious - Dec 22

Next week's second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests spent years working in Catholic schools, hospitals, and agencies, often for little or no pay. Now, their religious communities do not have enough savings for retirement and eldercare. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and more. Almost 94 percent of donations aid senior religious.

Community Garden Campaign

Our community garden is participating in the #SeedMoneyChallenge, a 30-day fundraising challenge, to raise money for fencing and more/better trellis arches and we could really use your support! In addition to keeping the funds we raise from individuals like you, we have a chance to win a challenge grant of up to \$600 from SeedMoney based on how much we raise over the course of the 30-day period running from Nov 15 to Dec 15. As an extra incentive, SeedMoney is offering 35 \$100 bonus grants to the 35 garden projects that have raised the most after the first week. Thanks to a generous donation, we have reached our initial goal in the first week! The campaign has added a stretch goal to receive even more grant money from Seed Money. Please help support our garden by visiting <https://donate.seedmoney.org/3213/st-sabina-community-garden>. Thank you!



*Parish Mission with
Fr. Dick Gielow*

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

Jesse Tree Collections Colectas del Árbol de Jesé

Nov 30/Dec 1: Toys

Juguetes

Dec 7/8: Gloves, hats, socks, etc.

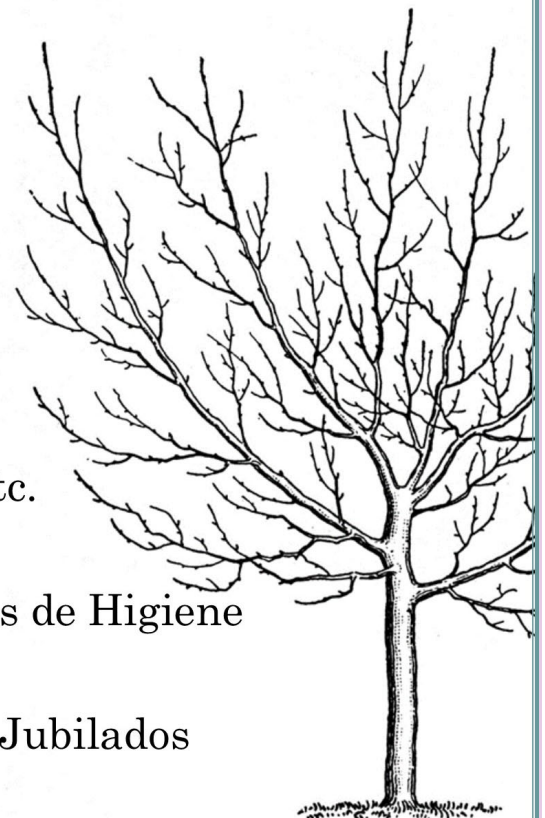
Guantes, gorros, calcetines, etc.

Dec 14/15: Canned Food/Hygiene Items

Alimentos Enlatados/Artículos de Higiene

Dec 21/22: Religious Retirement Appeal

Apelación para los Religiosos Jubilados



Parish Information/Youth Ministry

PSR News

Christmas Party! We will have a family Christmas party for all PSR and Junior High families on Wednesday, December 18 at 7pm. The fun will include sing-a-long Christmas music and a cookie exchange!

Youth News

Junior High Youth! Our next meeting is Wednesday, January 8 at 7pm.

Confirmation Candidates! Our next Sponsor Night will be January 15 from 7-8:30pm in the Parish Hall.

High School Service Project Night! Our December 15 meeting is a service project night! Please bring items for the homeless so that we can prepare Christmas care packages. Items would include travel size toiletries, hand and foot warmers, individually wrapped snacks (beef jerky is a favorite), bottled water, can openers, matches, candles, mini flashlights and anything else you can think of that would be a welcome gift.

Breakfast with Santa!



Child Safety

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

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

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

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

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



Reflection on the Readings

The Third Sunday of Advent is known as “Gaudete” or “Rejoice” Sunday. The liturgical color for this Sunday is pink or rose, thus the lighting of the pink candle on the Advent Wreath. **When Advent was a strict penitential season similar to Lent, this Sunday indicated that the penance and preparation of Advent was almost over.** The opening prayer talks of rejoicing for the Lord is near, as does the first reading taken from Isaiah.

Responsorial Psalm 146 has us call upon the Lord to come and save us. The verses speak of the covenant fidelity of the Lord who keeps promises forever. Those promises entail care and concern for all, most especially the poor, the oppressed, the stranger, the orphan and the widow, the hungry, the blind, the lame, and all those bowed down. **This description clearly characterizes for us who God is and what God is continually concerned about. By extension, it also becomes the job description of the Messiah, the anointed of God who comes in the name of the Lord.** For Christians, Jesus is that anointed one of God, whose coming as “one of us” is what we are preparing to celebrate at Christmas.

The first reading from Isaiah provides us with the hope and joy that are the clear indicators of the Advent Season. Isaiah’s rich images of deserts blooming with abundance and parched land rejoicing are powerful indicators of God’s glory and presence enriching our lives. **Our God comes to save us in ways we cannot even imagine or conceive.** The blind see again, the lame leap like the stag, the deaf hear and the mute sing for joy. Joy and gladness will dominate our relationships while sorrow and mourning flee. **God restores our wellbeing and saves us, ever faithful in covenant promises and ever ready to renew our hopes and strength.**

The gospel reading from Matthew concurs on this job description for the Messiah, God’s anointed, as well as for all called to follow God’s anointed. This way of acting ensures that the Lord continues to be ever present among us no matter what the challenges or difficulties involved. **But we need to be clear about the task involved in making the Lord present and active among us.** Even John the

Baptist in the gospel reading has difficulty in knowing what the coming of the Messiah would entail. Jesus beautifully answers John with verses from the first reading from Isaiah and from Responsorial Psalm 146. **John, along with all disciples, is asked to see, imitate and do what God has modeled for us in the person of Jesus.**

The second reading from James advises patience as we wait to make the Lord fully present. As we wait for the Lord to come at the end times, we are to do the work of the Lord, so as to make his presence known to all. This will involve struggles and difficulties. **But we do the Lord’s work by not judging others and by modeling ourselves on the prophets who endured many hardships because they chose to speak in the name of the Lord.**

As we speak in the name of the Lord this Advent, pay attention to how patient you are with others. Reflect on how you carry out the job description modeled for us by our Lord. How attuned are you to the needs of the poor, the stranger, the powerless and the oppressed? How do you treat the immigrant, the foreigner, the asylum seeker, the widow and the orphan? All this makes the Lord’s coming and presence even more real and tangible. **Reflect on how you are helping to make the Lord’s presence known to others who may have lost hope and joy this season because of life’s many challenges. How do you offer others hope and joy?** How do we as a nation continue to offer hope and joy to others who seek refuge in our land as they flee oppression and violence? **This Advent commit to imitating the Lord by doing acts of justice in all you say and do.**

Biagio Mazza
Pastoral Associate

Readings



Sunday, December 15

1st Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

Psalm: Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (Isaiah 35:4)

2nd Reading: James 5:7-10

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

Sunday, December 22

1st Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14

Psalm: Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (7c, 10b)

2nd Reading: Romans 1:1-7

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

Bible Study

Catholics are mostly exposed to the Bible through the Sunday Lectionary Readings. In order to help us all enter into the Bible through the Sunday readings, we offer study sessions that provide an opportunity to read, to study background to the readings, and to reflect on how to apply the readings to our lives. **Our next Bible Study date is Sunday, December 15 at 10:30am in the conference room.** All are welcome; bring a Bible. To register, call Biagio at 816-979-3153.



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Reflexión Sobre las Lecturas

El tercer domingo de Adviento se conoce como el domingo "Gaudete" o de "Regocijar". El color litúrgico para este domingo es rosado o rosa, por lo tanto la iluminación de la vela rosa en la Corona de Adviento. **Cuando el Adviento fue una estricta temporada penitencial similar a la Cuaresma, este domingo indicó que la penitencia y preparación del Adviento ya casi había terminado.** La primera oración habla de alegrarse por el Señor está cerca, al igual que la primera lectura tomada de Isaías.

El Salmo responsorial 145 nos invita llamar al Señor a venir y salvarnos. Los versos hablan de la fidelidad del pacto del Señor que guarda promesas para siempre. Esas promesas implican el cuidado y la preocupación de todos, sobre todo los pobres, los oprimidos, los desconocidos, los huérfanos y las viudas, los hambrientos, los ciegos, los cojos y todos los que se doblan. **Esta descripción claramente caracteriza para nosotros quién es Dios y de lo que Dios está continuamente preocupado. Por extensión, también se convierte en la descripción del trabajo del Mesías, el ungido de Dios que viene en el nombre del Señor.** Para los cristianos, Jesús es ese ungido de Dios cuya venida como "uno de nosotros" nos estamos preparando para celebrar en Navidad.

La primera lectura de Isaías nos proporciona la esperanza y la alegría que son los indicadores claros de la temporada del Adviento. Las ricas imágenes de Isaías de los desiertos que florecen con abundancia y regocijo de la tierra reseca son indicadores poderosos de la gloria y presencia de Dios que enriquecen nuestras vidas. **Nuestro Dios viene a salvarnos de maneras que ni siquiera podemos imaginar ni concebir.** Los ciegos ven de nuevo, los cojos saltan como el ciervo, los sordos oyen y los mudos cantan de alegría. La alegría dominará nuestras relaciones mientras el dolor y el luto huyen. **Dios restaura nuestro bienestar y nos salva, siempre fiel en las promesas del pacto y siempre dispuesto a renovar nuestras esperanzas y fortaleza.**

La lectura del evangelio de Mateo coincide en esta descripción del trabajo para el Mesías, el ungido de Dios, así como para todos los llamados a seguir al ungido de Dios. Esta manera de actuar asegura que el Señor sigue estando siempre presente entre nosotros sin importar cuáles sean los desafíos o dificultades que conlleva. **Pero necesitamos ser claros acerca de la tarea involucrada al hacer el Señor presente y activo entre nosotros.** Incluso Juan el Bautista en la lectura del evangelio tiene dificultad en saber lo que implicaría la venida del Mesías. Jesús responde maravillosamente a Juan con versos de la primera lectura de Isaías y del Salmo responsorial 145. **A Juan,**

junto con todos los discípulos, se le pide ver, imitar y hacer lo que Dios ha modelado para nosotros en la persona de Jesús.

La segunda lectura de Santiago aconseja paciencia mientras esperamos para hacer que el Señor esté completamente presente. Mientras esperamos que el Señor venga en los últimos tiempos, debemos hacer la obra del Señor, para hacer conocida su presencia a todos. Esto implicará luchas y dificultades. **Pero hacemos la obra del Señor al no juzgar a los demás y modelarnos a nosotros mismos sobre los profetas que soportaron muchas dificultades porque escogieron hablar en el nombre del Señor.**

Mientras hablamos en el nombre del Señor este Adviento, preste atención a lo paciente que es con los demás. Reflexione sobre cómo llevar a cabo la descripción del trabajo modelada por nuestro Señor. ¿Qué tan sintonizado está con las necesidades de los pobres, de los desconocidos, de los impotentes y de los oprimidos? ¿Cómo trata al inmigrante, al extranjero, al que busca asilo, a la viuda y al huérfano? Todo esto hace que la venida y presencia del Señor sea aún más real y tangible. **Reflexione sobre cómo está ayudando a hacer que la presencia del Señor sea conocida por otros que pueden haber perdido la esperanza y la alegría de esta temporada debido a los muchos desafíos de la vida.** ¿Cómo ofrece a otros la esperanza y la alegría? ¿Cómo podemos nosotros como nación continuar ofreciendo esperanza y alegría a otros que buscan refugio en nuestra tierra mientras huyen de la opresión y la violencia? **Este Adviento, comprométase a imitar al Señor al hacer obras de justicia en todo lo que dice y hace.**

Biagio Mazza
Asociado Pastoral

Lecturas



Lecturas del Domingo, 15 de Diciembre

Primera Lectura: Isaías 35:1-6a, 10
Salmo: Salmo 145:6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10
Segunda Lectura: Santiago 5:7-10
Evangelio: Mateo 11:2-11

Lecturas del Domingo, 22 de Diciembre

Primera Lectura: Isaías 7:10-14
Salmo: Salmo 23:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6
Segunda Lectura: Romanos 1:1-7
Evangelio: Mateo 1:18-24

Noticias de la Escuela de Religión

¡Fiesta Navideña! Tendremos una fiesta familiar de Navidad para todas las familias de la escuela de religión y Junior High el miércoles 18 de diciembre a las 7pm. ¡La diversión incluirá música de Navidad para cantar y un intercambio de galletas!

Noticias de los Jóvenes

¡Jóvenes de la Middle School! Nuestra próxima reunión será el 8 de enero a las 7pm.

¡Candidatos de la Confirmación! Nuestra próxima Noche de Padrinos será el 15 de enero de 7 a 8:30 pm en el Salón Parroquial.

¡Noche de Servicio de Jóvenes de la High School! Nuestra reunión del 15 de diciembre es una noche de servicio! Por favor traiga artículos para las personas sin hogar para que podamos preparar paquetes de cuidado de Navidad. Los artículos incluirían productos de higiene de tamaño de viaje, calentadores de manos y pies, refrigerios envueltos individualmente (la carne seca empaquetada es la favorita), agua embotellada, abrelatas, fósforos, velas, mini linternas y cualquier otra cosa que pueda pensar que sería un regalo apreciado.

Misas Navideñas

4:00PM martes, 24 de diciembre con música y lecturas antes de la misa (3:15 PM).

10:00 AM miércoles, 25 de diciembre con música de prelude que comienza a las 9:40 AM. ¡Todos, de 1 a 99 años, están invitados a traer cascabeles para tocar durante la última canción en esta misa!

12:30 PM miércoles, 25 de diciembre (Español)

Seguridad Infantil

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- 2) Póngase en contacto con su departamento de policía local o llame al 911, y
- 3) Después de informarle a las autoridades de la orden civil y de leyes, reporte el **abuso sexual del menor o del adulto vulnerable** a Joe Crayon, Defensor del Pueblo Diocesano al 816.812.2500 o crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org si el abuso implica a un sacerdote, diacono, empleado o voluntario de la Diócesis de Kansas City-St. Joseph.

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Todas las personas que son voluntarios con los jóvenes ó niños de nuestra parroquia deben atender a un taller llamado Protegiendo a los Niños de Dios, también necesitaran someterse a una verificación de antecedentes y deberán firmar la póliza sobre Éticas e Integridad en el Ministerio (EIM). Más información en <https://kcsj catholic.org/the-office-of-child-and-youth-protection/>



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El 12 de diciembre, la fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, Patrona de las Américas, la comunidad hispana honra a María no solo con palabras y oraciones, sino con todo su cuerpo. Bailan ante la imagen de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe en trajes y movimientos nativos americanos conocidos como los Matachines. Los Matachines remontan sus orígenes a las tradiciones españolas y nativas. Fue y sigue siendo muy común usar formas de arte de todo tipo, especialmente bailes y disfraces coreografiados para dar gloria y honor a Dios, y para honrar a María como la Madre de Dios. Esta tradición católica se exhibe cada 12 de diciembre entre las comunidades hispanas de las Américas. Haga el esfuerzo de participar en una celebración tan rica y aprenda una nueva forma de honrar a Dios y a María. Tómese un momento para ver el video ¿Sabes? de esta semana para aprender más sobre los Matachines en nuestra comunidad parroquial y cómo puede ser parte de la celebración.



Platicas Pre-Bautismales - 11 de Enero

Normalmente cada segundo Sábado del mes de las 10 am a la 1 pm. (Sólo para niños de 0-6 años.) Salón doble del área de la escuela. Para niños mayores de 7 años requerirán una formación especial.

PRÓXIMOS BAUTISMOS: Llamar a Kris al 816-979-3151. Favor de llenar su aplicación para asistir a las platicas con anterioridad. **No se ofrece cuidado de niños.**

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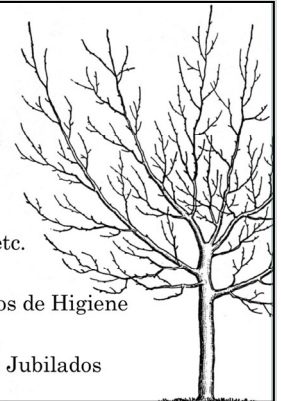
Nuestra visión diocesana, Una Familia: Renovada en Cristo – Equipada Para la Misión, identifica la necesidad de sanación y renovación. El obispo Johnston, en colaboración con los fieles laicos, ha establecido el Journey to Bethany, un programa diseñado para tomar cuidado de una variedad de heridas y extender la concientización en los recursos de sanación dentro de nuestra diócesis. Este programa se enfocará inicialmente en aquellos perjudicados por el abuso sexual del clero. En breve, se enviará una encuesta por correo electrónico titulada "Sanando Nuestra Familia – Encuesta del Obispo Johnston" a feligreses seleccionados al azar en toda la diócesis. Sus respuestas nos ayudarán a identificar la manera en que podemos ayudar a todos los afectados por el abuso sexual del clero. Aquellos que no reciban la encuesta por correo electrónico van a tener la oportunidad de asistir a presentaciones para escuchar los resultados y proporcionar información adicional. ¡Gracias por su participación, apoyo y oraciones!

Fondo para la Jubilación de Religiosos - 22 de Dic

El domingo próximo, la segunda colecta es a favor del Fondo para la Jubilación de Religiosos. Miles de religiosas, religiosos y sacerdotes mayores en órdenes católicos sirvieron en escuelas, hospitales y agencias de servicio social católicos durante años con poco o ningún pago. Ahora, las comunidades religiosas carecen de ahorros suficientes para cubrir las necesidades de su jubilación y cuidado geriátrico. Su donativo al Fondo para la Jubilación de Religiosos ayuda con las recetas médicas, cuidados de enfermería y más. Casi el 94 por ciento de los donativos ayuda a los religiosos ancianos.

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Horarios de Misa

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