

SAINT SABINA

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Congratulations to Esmeralda, daughter of Alfredo and Antonia, who celebrated her 15th birthday with a special Mass on November 19!

¡Felicidades a Esmeralda, hija de Alfredo y Antonia, quien celebró sus quince años el 19 de noviembre!

Weekend Masses

Saturdays at 4:00pm (English)

Sundays at 8:00am and 10:30am (English)

Sundays at 12:30pm (Spanish)

Daily Masses (English)

Tuesdays at 11:00am

Wednesday-Friday at 8:00am

Confessions

Saturdays 3:00-3:30pm

Or by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration

First Fridays, 8:30am-8:00pm

Online Masses

Saturdays at 4pm & Sundays at 8am (Facebook-live)

Posted to website immediately after

Sundays at 12:30pm (Spanish-Facebook-live)

Posted to website immediately after

Misas Dominicales

Sábado a las 4:00pm (Inglés)

Domingo a las 8:00am y las 10:30am (Inglés)

Domingo a las 12:30pm (Español)

Misas Diarias (Inglés)

Martes a las 11:00am

Miercoles a Viernes a las 8:00am

Confesiones

Sábado de 3:00-3:30pm

O con cita

Adoración Eucarística

Primer Viernes del Mes, 8:30am-8:00pm

Misas en Línea

Sábado a las 4pm y Domingo a las 8am (inglés-Facebook)

Publicado en nuestro sitio web después

Domingo a las 12:30pm (español-Facebook)

Publicado en nuestro sitio web después

The Nativity of the Lord/La Natividad del Señor

December 25, 2022



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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 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 Whitney True-Francis, Victim Assistance Coordinator, at 816.392.0011 or true.francis@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/>.

Mass Intentions for the Week Peticiones de la Semana

No Daily Mass December 27-30, 2022

Please note that we will not have daily Masses the week of December 27-30.

Saturday, December 31, 2022

4:00pm Intentions of Our Parish Family

Sunday, January 1, 2023

8:00am †Matt Meiron

10:30am Open

12:30pm Spanish †Mercedes Medrano Rodriguez

Special Remembrances/Conmemoraciones Especiales:

†Jean Coomer, †Barbara Coomer, †Amparo Loeza Zavala, Intenciones de Sarah Gonzalez, †José Luis Rodríguez

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

†Ron Brownlee, husband of Denise Davila-Brownlee

†Jay Renfro, father of Jay Renfro

†José Luis Rodríguez, padre de Cesar Rodriguez

†Rafaela Loeza Zavala, tía de Alma Gonzalez



Sunday, December 25 - Domingo, 25 de Diciembre

Christmas/Navidad

- 10:00am Christmas Day Mass
- 11:00am Ensayo del Coro Hispano
- 12:30pm Misa Navideña

Monday, December 26 - Lunes, 26 de Diciembre

Parish Office Closed/Oficina Parroquial Cerrada

- 9:00am Uplift Cooking
- 4:00pm Uplift

Tuesday, December 27 - Martes, 27 de Diciembre

- 7:00pm Rosario Parroquial

Wednesday, December 28 - Miércoles, 28 de Diciembre

- 9:00am Legion of Mary
- 6:30pm Parish Rosary

Thursday, December 29 - Jueves, 29 de Diciembre

- 9:30am Piecemakers Quilt Group
- 8:00pm Choir Rehearsal (8:00 group)

Friday, December 30 - Viernes, 30 de Diciembre

No Scheduled Events

Saturday, December 31 - Sábado, 31 de Diciembre

- 3:00pm Confessions/Confesiones

Sunday, January 1 - Domingo, 1 de Enero

New Year's Day/Año Nuevo

- 11:00am Ensayo del Coro Hispano

happy birthday

Rosa Angel	Iveth Martinez
Guadalupe Ayala	Axel Martinez
Renee Biondo	Dora Martinez
Daniel Cartagena	Maribel Mendoza
Manny Castillo	Bob Miller
Yahir Chavez	Harold Mitts
AJ Coffin	Jerry Nation
Monte Crosby	Ailed Novas
Donna Dailey	Dennis O'Reilly
Honorio Dionicio	Mitchell O'Reilly
Dustan Dvergsten	Blair Parker
Macie Embry	Cliff Parsley
Gustavo Enriquez	Valerie Pina
Leslie Garcia	Ray Quinones
Adriana Garcia	Logan Rewald
Ann Gomez	Riley Robinson
Emily Gracida	Efren Rodriguez
Marcela Guardado Rivera	Ken Samson
Jayden Guillermo	Randi Sanchez
Eduardo Guzman	Sally Sargent
Isabelle Haberstroh	George Scott
Molly Hafkesbring	Jeff Shields
David Heide	Laurie Sigman
Axel Hernandez	Lois Simpson
Brisneida Hinojos	Stanley Smith
Diane Hirt	Yadira Soriano
Leonor Huerta	Maggie Sullivan
Lillian Jakobe	Mary Theobald
Edith Jones	Maria Torres
Niki Jordan	Virginia Valenzuela
Letty Keesoon	Jordy Villa
Julie Lafata	Amanda Votava
Shari Lindsay	Jerry Wilburn
Joshua Mackall	Liz Wilson
Chloe Mackall	Theo Wilson
Mary Madrigal	Armando Yanez
Jordan Heffner	

Happy Anniversary

Joe and Susan Lager	57 Years!	12/29/1965
Jim and Ann Morales	56 Years!	12/31/1966
Eliceo and Maria Rocha	56 Years!	1/1/1967
John and Barbara Clark	55 Years!	12/30/1967
Gary and Peggy Manning	55 Years!	12/30/1967
Jeffrey and Sandy Spiller	53 Years!	12/29/1969
Mike and Kris Larkey	35 Years!	12/27/1987
Arturo and Rosa Borja	33 Years!	12/29/1989
Carlos and Maria Arroyo	33 Years!	12/31/1989
Andres and Maria Orozco	31 Years!	12/27/1991
Jaime Perez and Doraida Aguirre	29 Years!	12/31/1993
Ramon and Isela Gomez	27 Years!	12/31/1995
Angel and Maria Rocha	25 Years!	12/26/1997
Juan and Amparo Aguilera	22 Years!	12/29/2000
Aaron and Karla Coronado	19 Years!	12/27/2003
Tom and Susan Rolli	17 Years!	12/26/2005
José Hernandez and Julia Barrera	10 Years!	12/26/2012
Todd and Jackie Hamilton	6 Years!	12/31/2016

Career Roundtable Job Club

The Catholic Career Roundtable (CCR) job club hosts weekly workshops on Saturdays from 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM at Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 12800 W. 75th St. in Shawnee, Kansas. This is an informal meeting to help and support people in their searches for meaningful work. In these workshops, attendees discuss the fundamentals of transitioning to new careers and techniques to find new jobs in today's business climate. For more information, send an email to: catholiccareerroundtablekc@gmail.com, or call Sam Incorvia 913-669-7386. Our website, www.catholiccareerroundtable.com, will have updated information.

Thank you to all who donated items to our Jesse Tree this year! Pictured are all of the toys and food pantry items collected, which were donated to Heart-N-Hand Ministries which serves Cass County. The hats, gloves and socks were donated to Uplift Org for our homeless neighbors and to the KC Welcome Alliance for our migrating neighbors.

¡Gracias a todos los que donaron artículos a nuestro Árbol de Jesé este año! En la foto se muestran todos los juguetes y alimentos recolectados, que fueron donados a Heart-N-Hand Ministries que sirve al condado de Cass. Los gorros, guantes y calcetines fueron donados a Uplift Org para nuestros vecinos sin hogar y a KC Welcome Alliance para nuestros vecinos migrantes.



Platicas Pre-Bautismales - 14 de Enero

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

No se ofrece cuidado de niños.

PRÓXIMOS BAUTISMOS: llamar a Kris al 816-979-3151. Favor de llenar su aplicación para asistir a las platicas con anterioridad.



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Wellness Center



*And
Suddenly
there was
with the Angel
a multitude of
the heavenly host
Praising God and saying
Glory to God
In the highest, and on earth
Peace, goodwill towards men*

Luke 2:13

Wishing You Joy and Peace,

St. Sabina Wellness Center Team

Nursing Home Mass Schedule

January 11	10:30am	Benton House
January 18	10:00am	Foxwood Springs
January 25	11:00am	Carnegie Village

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.
- 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.
- Be open to good experiences that the holidays may bring.

Estando de Luto Durante los Festivales

- Permítase sentir sus emociones en ese día especial, no sienta que necesita "superarlo". Quizás quiere escribir sus sentimientos.
- Tómese un tiempo con familiares y amigos y comparta los recuerdos de su ser querido que murió.
- Encienda una vela en honor a su ser querido fallecido. Ponga una foto de él y cuente historias de su vida.
- No evite las tradiciones antiguas. Los niños a menudo encuentran consuelo en ellos. Por otro lado, las nuevas tradiciones muestran que siguen siendo una familia.
- Esté abierto a las buenas experiencias que puedan traer los días festivos.

**Prayer Requests/Peticiones de Oración**

Dick Armstrong
Steve Ayers
Joy Banks
Mary Bardwell
Bill Beaver
Emma Beaver
Dennis Berg
Jean Berg
Marion Biondo
Mary Pat Biondo
Betty Bremenkamp
John Bremenkamp
Veronica Burks
Leona Bybee
Joyce Callahan
Pat Carr
Par Castaneda
Jeremy Cikan
Steve Circo
Georgiana Cobb
Lena Collins
Bob Coomer
Marianne Crooks
Donna Dailey
Jack Davis
Harold Dawes
Irene Down
Jeannine Edmonds
Terry Eppert
Mary Jo Fischer
Larry Foster
John Frezza
Al Gebauer
Daniel Haake
Ginny Hainey
Keith Hall

Diane Hansen
Cherie Hatfield
Jack Henningsen
Marilyn Henningsen
Kenneth Jones
Santa Ibarra
Baby Kelley
Denise Kelley
Bob Kottenbrock
Don Kueck
Susan Lager
Winnie Mayerchack
Terry McDaniel
Gene McEwen
Nancy Meiron
Norabel Molina
Jack Obermeier
Jennifer O'Reilly
Ron Parker
Lois Pusateri
Lidia Amanda Quiroz Lugo

Abigail Ragsdale
Erika Rimmer
Agustin Rivera
Alfonso Rivera
Anna Ryan
Larry Scali
Mary Margaret Schmidt
Rudy Schmidt
Deryl Sellmeyer
Barry Sellmeyer
Mary Spear
Dani Stinger
Richard Sweaney
Omar Valdez Quiroz
Rosario Angelica Valdez
Denise Vargo Wallace
Valerie Verhaalen
Helen Vonderohe
Donna West
Ron West
Mary Wickstrum

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 Prayer Request list. Names will remain on the list for 2 months, but may be resubmitted upon request. Please remember, permission must be given by the individual before a name can be published. To add or remove a name, please contact the parish office at 816-331-4713.

Lista de Peticiones de Oración en el Boletín

Los feligreses que están enfermos o que tienen un ser querido que está enfermo pueden solicitar que se recuerde a la persona en la lista de Peticiones de Oración. Los nombres permanecerán en la lista durante 2 meses, pero se pueden volver a agregar si se solicita. Recuerde, la persona debe dar permiso antes de que se pueda publicar un nombre. Para agregar o eliminar un nombre, comuníquese con la oficina parroquial.

The celebration of the day of Christ's birth as a humble child in Bethlehem is so overwhelming that we are treated to a symphony of readings and reflections that span over three complete Masses, the Mass at midnight, the Mass at dawn and the Mass during the day. Each Eucharist unpacks a different aspect of this great and wonderful mystery beyond human understanding and expectation -- that of our God becoming fully and completely human, like us in all things but sin.

Responsorial Psalm 96 marvels at this wondrous coming and invites us to exclaim with great joy the refrain taken from Luke's gospel, "Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11). The readings burst out with joy over the coming of our God, as they invite us to delve deeper into the meaning and implications of God-with-us in the person of Jesus.

The first reading from the prophet Isaiah unpacks the meaning of God-with-us by means of the contrast between light and darkness. While originally intended for those who had suffered greatly under Assyrian oppression, this prophecy of God's saving acts on the people's behalf is now applied to the coming of Jesus. **God's very presence among us in the person of Jesus drives out darkness and gloom, resulting in the bright light of joy and the freedom that comes from having been relieved of oppressive burdens and yokes.**

The royal child from David's line was originally understood as the king's son who would one day be the ideal king, attuned to acting like God, ruling the people with wisdom, care, and justice, ultimately leading to enduring peace forever. **Such hopes are now laid at the faith of the child born in a stable at Bethlehem, the eternal king born from the line of David who would bring about an eternal reign of peace and freedom for all people.**

Responsorial Psalm 96 calls upon all to sing a new song to the Lord in thanksgiving for such wondrous deeds done by God on our behalf. The heavens, the earth, the seas, the plains, the trees, the forest -- all of creation is called upon to announce God's salvation and to exult before God who comes to save us, and to rule the world with justice and faithfulness for all time.

The second reading from the letter to Titus announces that in Jesus, the grace of God has appeared with saving power challenging us "to live temperately, justly, and devoutly." Jesus' presence among us and the modeling of his life given for the sake of others should spur us on "to do what is good" and to put away selfishness and injustice.

Luke's account of the birth of Jesus in a humble stable away from home and extended family in a land occupied by foreign Roman oppressors speaks

volumes concerning the struggles that Jesus and his family faced. **Luke does not shy away from recounting that our God chooses to become human in the very midst of human injustice and oppression, amidst poverty and homelessness.** Yet this child is aligned with "the house and family of David," the long awaited royal child who would bring justice to the earth and peace to all.

Paradoxes abound in this well-known account of Jesus' birth. A child from the royal house of David is born in a smelly, dirty stable with a feeding trough or manger for a bed. The ruling authorities are mentioned to situate that God chose to become human at this time, in this place and in this fashion. **No matter who was in charge or how, God chose this time and this place to enter fully into union with us, in a manner far removed from human understanding of greatness or importance.**

Lastly, with all the powers mentioned in all their glory, it is shepherds, the lowest, the shunned and the most unclean of all human beings that are visited by angels who announce the great news of a royal child born in a stable. The angels announce that God's peace and favor rest not with the mighty and the powerful but with the lowly, the despised and the powerless.

As you enter into the great joy of Christmas, spend some quiet time reflecting upon the paradoxes of this nativity account. How do the paradoxes challenge your way of thinking and acting? How attuned are you to God's ways of dealing with us? **As you revel in your Christmas joy, commit yourself to bringing news of God's favor to the poor, the lowly, the despised, the immigrant, the refugee and the stranger.** A merry Christmas to all.

Biagio Mazza
Pastoral Associate

Readings



Sunday, December 25

1st Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10

Psalm: Psalm 98:1,2-3, 3-4, 5-6

2nd Reading: Hebrews 1:1-6

Gospel: John 1:1-18

Sunday, January 1

1st Reading: Numbers 6:22-27

Psalm: Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)

2nd Reading: Galatians 4:4-7

Gospel: Luke 2:16-21

La celebración del día del nacimiento de Cristo como un niño humilde en Belén es tan abrumadora que se nos regala una sinfonía de lecturas y reflexiones que abarcan tres Misas completas, la Misa a medianoche, la Misa al amanecer y la Misa durante el día. Cada Eucaristía desenvuelve un aspecto diferente de este grande y maravilloso misterio más allá de la comprensión y la expectativa humana - el de nuestro Dios llegando a ser completamente humano, como nosotros, en todo aspecto menos el pecado.

El salmo responsorial 95 se maravilla de esta maravillosa venida y nos invita a exclamar con gran alegría el estribillo tomado del evangelio de Lucas: "Hoy nos ha nacido un Salvador: el Mesías, el Señor" (Lucas 2:11). Las lecturas estallan con alegría por la venida de nuestro Dios, ya que nos invitan a profundizarnos en el significado y las implicaciones de Dios-con-nosotros en la persona de Jesús.

La primera lectura del profeta Isaías explica el significado de Dios-con-nosotros mediante el contraste entre la luz y las tinieblas. Aunque originalmente estaba destinada a aquellos que habían sufrido mucho bajo la opresión de los asirios, esta profecía de los actos de salvación de Dios en nombre de la gente ahora se aplica a la venida de Jesús. La misma presencia de Dios entre nosotros en la persona de Jesús expulsa

las tinieblas, resultando en la luz brillante de la alegría y la libertad que proviene de haber sido liberado de cargas opresivas y yugos pesados.

El niño real de la línea de David fue originalmente entendido como el hijo del rey que un día sería el rey ideal, en sintonía con actuar como Dios, gobernando al pueblo con sabiduría, cuidado y justicia, resultando finalmente a una paz duradera para siempre. **Esas esperanzas ahora están depositadas en la fe del niño nacido en un establo en Belén, el eterno rey nacido de la línea de David que traería un reino eterno de paz y libertad para todos los pueblos.**

El Salmo responsorial 95 invita a todos a cantar una canción nueva al Señor en acción de gracias por tal acción maravillosa hecha por Dios en nuestro favor. Los cielos, la tierra, los mares, las llanuras, los árboles, el bosque, toda la creación está llamada a anunciar la salvación de Dios y a regocijarse ante Dios que viene a salvarnos y a gobernar el mundo con justicia y fidelidad para siempre.

La segunda lectura de la carta a Tito anuncia que en Jesús, la gracia de Dios ha aparecido con un poder salvador que nos desafía a "vivir de una manera sobria, justa y fiel a Dios". La presencia de Jesús entre nosotros y la modelación de su vida dada por el bien de los demás debe estimularnos a "practicar el bien" y a eliminar el egoísmo y la injusticia.

vivienda. Sin embargo, este niño está alineado con "la casa y la familia de David", el niño real esperado desde hace mucho tiempo que traería la justicia a la tierra y la paz a todos.

Las paradojas abundan en este conocido relato del nacimiento de Jesús. Un niño de la casa real de David nace en un establo apestoso y sucio con un comedero o un pesebre para una cama. Se menciona a las autoridades gobernantes para situar que Dios eligió ser humano en este momento, en este lugar y de esta manera. **No importa quién estaba a cargo o cómo, Dios escogió este momento y este lugar para entrar plenamente en unión con nosotros, de una manera muy alejada de la comprensión humana de la grandeza o la importancia.**

Por último, con todos los poderes mencionados en toda su gloria, son los pastores, los más humildes, los humillados y los más inmundos de todos los seres humanos que son visitados por los ángeles que anuncian la gran noticia de un niño real nacido en un establo. Los ángeles anuncian que la paz y el favor de Dios no están con los poderosos, sino con los humildes, los despreciados y los impotentes.

Al entrar en la gran alegría de la Navidad, pase un rato tranquilo reflexionando sobre las paradojas de este relato navideño. ¿Cómo las paradojas desafían su manera de pensar y de actuar? ¿Qué tan en sintonía está con las maneras de Dios de tratarnos? **Mientras disfruta de su alegría navideña, comprométase a traer noticias del favor de Dios a los pobres, humildes, despreciados, inmigrantes, refugiados y forasteros.** Feliz Navidad a todos.

Biagio Mazza
Asociado Pastoral

Lecturas



Domingo, 25 de Diciembre

Primera Lectura: Isaías 52:7-10
Salmo: Salmo 97:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6
Segunda Lectura: Hebreos 1:1-6
Evangelio: Juan 1:1-18

Domingo, 1 de Enero

Primera Lectura: Números 6:22-27
Salmo: Salmo 66:2-3, 5, 6, 8
Segunda Lectura: Gálatas 4:4-7
Evangelio: Lucas 2:16-21

El relato de Lucas sobre el nacimiento de Jesús en un establo humilde fuera de casa y de la familia extendida en una tierra ocupada por opresores romanos extranjeros habla mucho sobre las luchas que Jesús y su familia enfrentaron. **Lucas no se niega a contar que nuestro Dios elige ser humano en medio de la injusticia y la opresión humana, en medio de la pobreza y la falta de**

In God's Image -A Respect Life Column On Human Trafficking A Imagen de Dios -Una Columna de Respeto a la Vida Sobre la Trata de Personas

St. Josephine Bakhita

St. Josephine Margaret Bakhita was born around 1869 in a village in Sudan, Africa. Since her uncle was a tribal chief, she had a happy and fairly prosperous childhood.

Around February 1877, however, she was kidnapped by Arab slave traders and was forced to walk 600 miles to a slave market. During the 12 years of her slavery, she was bought, sold, and given away over a dozen times. Under these masters her experiences varied from fair treatment to cruel. Some beat her daily or severely; one had scars cut into her skin.



Santa Josefina Bakhita

Santa Josefina Margarita Bakhita nació alrededor de 1869 en un pueblo de Sudán, África. Como su tío era jefe tribal, tuvo una infancia feliz y bastante próspera.

Sin embargo, alrededor de febrero de 1877, fue secuestrada por traficantes de esclavos árabes y obligada a caminar 600 millas hasta un mercado de esclavos. Durante los 12 años de su esclavitud, fue comprada, vendida y regalada más de una docena de veces. Bajo estos maestros, sus experiencias variaron desde un trato justo hasta cruel. Algunos la golpeaban a diario o severamente, uno le hizo cicatrices cortadas en la piel.

One kind master took her to Italy where she served as a nanny. She was left in the custody of the Canossian Sisters in Venice when her new family decided to travel to Sudan without her. There she learned about God and discerned a call to follow Christ. When her mistress returned, she refused to leave the sisters. Her case went to court where it was found that slavery had been outlawed in Sudan before she was born. Josephine was declared free! She chose to stay with the sisters.

Josephine received the sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Holy Communion, and Confirmation) on January 9th, 1890, then later became a sister with the Canossian Daughters of Charity religious order.

For the next 42 years of her life, she worked as a cook and a doorkeeper at the convent. She also traveled and visited other convents telling her story to other sisters and preparing them for work in Africa. She was known for her gentle voice and smile.

St. Josephine Margaret Bakhita died on Feb. 8, 1947 and was canonized Oct. 1, 2000. She is the patron saint of Sudan.

[source: www.catholic.org]

Un maestro amable la llevó a Italia, donde sirvió como niñera. Quedó bajo la custodia de las Hermanas Canossianas en Venecia cuando su nueva familia decidió viajar a Sudán sin ella. Allí aprendió acerca de Dios y discernió un llamado a seguir a Cristo. Cuando su ama regresó, se negó a dejar a las hermanas. Su caso llegó a los tribunales, donde se descubrió que la esclavitud había sido proscrita en Sudán antes de que ella naciera. ¡Josefina fue declarada libre! Ella eligió quedarse con las hermanas.

Josefina recibió los sacramentos de la Iniciación (Bautismo, Sagrada Comunión y Confirmación) el 9 de enero de 1890, luego se convirtió en hermana de la orden religiosa Hijas de la Caridad de Canossian.

Durante los siguientes 42 años de su vida, trabajó como cocinera y portera en el convento. También viajó y visitó otros conventos contando su historia a otras hermanas y preparándolas para el trabajo en África. Era conocida por su voz suave y su sonrisa.

Santa Josefina Margarita Bakhita murió el 8 de febrero de 1947 y fue canonizada el 1 de octubre de 2000. Es la santa patrona de Sudán.

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Life Line Screenings - January 27

Life Line Screening, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings, will offer affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings in the gym on Friday, January 27, 2023. A package of four screenings to identify risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions will be offered:

Carotid Artery Screening (Plaque)

An ultrasound is performed to screen the carotid arteries (a pair of blood vessels in the neck that deliver blood to your brain) for buildup of fatty plaque. This buildup, called atherosclerosis, is one of the leading causes of stroke.

Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening

An Ankle-Brachial Index (ABI) test is performed using blood pressure cuffs on the arms and legs. It is important to screen for PAD because it increases the risk of coronary artery disease, heart attack, or stroke.

Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA)

An ultrasound is performed to screen the abdominal aorta for the presence of an enlargement or aneurysm. AAA can lead to a ruptured aortic artery, which is a serious medical emergency.

Atrial Fibrillation

A 6-lead electrocardiogram (EKG) is performed by placing sensors on the arms and legs to screen for Atrial Fibrillation. AFib can lead to blood clots, stroke, and heart failure, and other heart-related complications.

These 4 vital screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. Register by calling toll free 1-888-653-6441, text the word "circle" to 216-279-1607 or online at <https://llsa.social/HC>.

Rosary for Amber McLaughlin

Amber McLaughlin has been scheduled to be executed on Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at 6pm. Should the state follow through on this execution, we will pray a rosary for Amber at the hour of her death beginning at 5:45 pm. The rosary will be repeated in Spanish at 7pm. All are invited in joining us.

In Pope Francis' 2020 encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti*, he states "Let us keep in mind that 'not even a murderer loses his personal dignity, and God himself pledges to guarantee this'. The firm rejection of the death penalty shows to what extent it is possible to recognize the inalienable dignity of every human being and to accept that he or she has a place in this universe. If I do not deny that dignity to the worst of criminals, I will not deny it to anyone. I will give everyone the possibility of sharing this planet with me, despite all our differences." Please consider calling Governor Parson to ask him to grant Amber clemency and protect her personal dignity.

Governor Parson Contact Information:

Phone: (573) 751-3222, Fax: (573) 751-1495

Email: <https://governor.mo.gov/contact-us>

Address: Office of Governor Michael L. Parson. P.O. Box 720. Jefferson City, MO 65102

Rosario por Amber McLaughlin



La ejecución de Amber McLaughlin está programada para el martes 3 de enero de 2023 a las 6:00pm. Si el estado continúa con esta ejecución, rezaremos un rosario por Amber a la hora de su muerte a partir de las 5:45pm. El rosario se repetirá en español a las 7pm. Todos están invitados a acompañarnos.

En la encíclica del Papa Francisco del 2020, *Fratelli Tutti*, afirma: "Recordemos que «ni siquiera el homicida pierde su dignidad personal y Dios mismo se hace su garante». El firme rechazo de la pena de muerte muestra hasta qué punto es posible reconocer la inalienable dignidad de todo ser humano y aceptar que tenga un lugar en este universo. Ya que, si no se lo niego al peor de los criminales, no se lo negaré a nadie, daré a todos la posibilidad de compartir conmigo este planeta a pesar de lo que pueda separarnos". Considere llamar al gobernador Parson para pedirle que conceda clemencia a Amber y proteja su dignidad personal.

Información de contacto del gobernador Parson:

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Congratulations to Mark Adams (left), who was awarded Knight of the Year, and to Doug Thurman (far left), who was awarded the Don Bannerman Award at the Knights' Christmas Party on December 14.

Felicidades a Mark Adams (izquierda), quien recibió el premio Caballero del Año, y a Doug Thurman (extremo izquierdo), quien recibió el Premio Don Bannerman en la Fiesta Navideña de los Caballeros de Colón el 14 de diciembre.

PSR Christmas Break! The School of Religion will remain on break until January 7 with classes resuming on January 8. On behalf of our PSR teachers and Youth Ministry Team, we wish all of our families a very joyful Christmas and a blessed New Year!

¡Vacaciones Navideñas de la Escuela de Religión!

La Escuela de Religión seguirá en receso hasta el 7 de enero y las clases se reanudarán el 8 de enero. En nombre de nuestras maestras de la Escuela de Religión y el Equipo del Ministerio Juvenil, ¡les deseamos a todas nuestras familias una feliz Navidad y un bendecido Año Nuevo!

This Week's Do You Know Video:

Mary and Jesus are significant characters in both the Bible and the Qur'an. With regards to the Christmas narratives, the texts reveal both similarities and differences. While there are many similarities, there are also key differences, reflecting the theology, belief and mindset of both Christians and Muslims regarding Mary and Jesus. While the Quranic accounts speak of Mary's conception, birth, and temple dwelling, both texts narrate the events surrounding the annunciation and Mary's virginal purity, along with the conception, birth and identity of Jesus. The Quranic accounts also reflect similarities with the apocryphal Infancy Gospel of James, a gospel whose stories about Mary and Jesus influenced Christian spirituality and devotion for many centuries. Make time to view this week's DYK video and see how the Bible and the Qur'an narrate the Christmas narratives from their own unique perspectives.



Pre-Purchase Tickets for the National Eucharistic Congress

Please be advised that Bishop Johnston and the Diocese have received a "pre-order" notification of a possible block of up to 250 registrations until December 31, 2022, for the National Eucharistic Congress, Indianapolis, July 17-21, 2024. Pre-purchase tickets NOW at \$200 each. Open enrollment begins on February 15, 2023, at \$350 each, for the expected 80-100,000 participants. Attendees will be required additionally to pay for hotel, transportation, food/drink expenses, etc. Some Indianapolis hotels are being reserved for these early registrants particularly. To FACILITATE the timely and accurate registration of any of our possible early-bird attendees, commitments and funds will need to be sent to the chancery to the attention of Lorie Sage.

Questions? Contact Lorie Sage in the Office of Divine worship at 816-714-2324 or sage@diocesekcsj.org

Programación del Centro de Mujeres Keeler

El Centro de Mujeres Keeler, operado por las Hermanas Benedictinas, ofrece una variedad de clases y grupos de apoyo. Todos los programas y servicios son gratuitos y se ofrecen en persona para quienes estén completamente vacunados o a través de Zoom para todos. Se aceptan donaciones. A continuación se enumeran algunas de sus programas. Para obtener una lista completa, visite www.keelerwomenscenter.org. Para registrarse, llame al 913-689-9375 para programación en inglés, o para programación en español, llame al 913-708-0286 o envíe un correo electrónico a kwc@mountosb.org.

Grupo de Apoyo para Víctimas de Asalto/Acoso Sexual: Coordinado por Michelle Rodríguez, todos los martes, 11:30am-1pm.

Grupo de Apoyo Las Mujeres: Todos los martes, 10-11:30am.

Asistencia al Inmigrante: Citas gratis con el abogado Greg Bole el tercer jueves de cada mes, 2-3:30pm.



Reciclaje de Luces Navideñas

El Equipo de Ecología de Sta. Sabina está ofreciendo la oportunidad, otra vez este año, para que los feligreses puedan reciclar sus luces navideñas descompuestas. Aceptarán sus luces descompuestas en las siguientes fechas:

7/8 de enero
14/15 de enero

Christmas Light Recycling

The St. Sabina Green Team is offering the opportunity for parishioners to recycle their old Christmas lights again this year. They will accept your non-working lights on the following dates: January 7/8 and 14/15.

Keeler Women's Center Offerings

Keeler Women's Center, operated by the Benedictine Sisters, offers a variety of classes and support groups. All programs and services are free and offered in-person to those fully vaccinated or via Zoom for all. Donations are accepted. Following are listed a few of their offerings. For a full listing, please visit www.keelerwomenscenter.org. To register, please call 913-689-9375 for English offerings, for Spanish offerings call 913-708-0286, or email kwc@mountosb.org.

Coping With Grief: Hosted by Sr. Loretta McGuire, OSB, 1st Wednesday of the month, 10:00 a.m. A support group for men and women.

Caregiver's Support Group: Hosted by Jackie Tigges, MSW, LCSW 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month from 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Legal Support: Legal Advice on Wills and Power of Attorney: Hosted by Attorneys Sheila and Scott Martinsen, 3rd Thursday of each month, 10:00 a.m., via Zoom

Surviving Domestic Violence hosted in partnership with F.O.Y. and Joyce Williams Center: Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m., via Zoom or call for in person reservation. Surviving Domestic Violence in an Education and Support Group for Victims of Domestic Violence. Each week a different topic will be explored so you may join at any time. We ask that you are in a private location that cannot be overheard by others when you are on the zoom for this group.

THE CHRISTMAS STORY IN THE BIBLE AND THE QUR'AN: COMPARISONS AND CONTRASTS

Wednesday Evenings – January 11, 18, 25 and Feb 1, 2023~ 7-9 PM — Central Time Zone
repeated on Thursday Mornings – January 12, 19, 26, and Feb 2, 2023 ~ 10 AM to Noon — CT

The Qur'an, God's revelation to Muslims through the prophet Muhammad, shares many similarities with the Bible in terms of stories and persons. Yet they are two completely different books in terms of composition, literary style and purpose. Ultimately they both intend to draw believers closer to God, alerting them to God's mind set, wishes, desire and intention for all humanity.

Mary and Jesus are significant characters in both the Bible and the Qur'an. These sessions explore the similarities and the differences between the Bible and the Qur'an with regards to the Christmas narratives. While there are many similarities regarding the Christmas events, there are also key differences reflecting the theology, belief and mindset of both Christians and Muslims regarding Mary and Jesus. The sessions compare and contrast the narratives relating to Mary's birth, life and virginal purity, along with the annunciation, conception, birth and identity of Jesus. Relationship of the Quranic accounts to the apocryphal Infancy Gospel of James inform the connections between Islamic belief and Christian devotion.

These and other questions will be addressed in a series of four Zoom presentations. We will begin by exploring the similarities and differences between the canonical infancy accounts of Matthew and Luke. Then we will examine the comparison and contrast with similar narratives in the Qur'an, as well as how the Quranic narratives and much Christian devotion are linked to the apocryphal Infancy Gospel of James.

Come to deepen your knowledge of how the Bible and The Qur'an articulate the Christmas events. All faith traditions are most welcome. The sessions will be conducted via Zoom and facilitated by Biagio Mazza, Pastoral Associate at St. Sabina Catholic Church in Belton, MO. For more information, or to register, please e-mail Biagio at biagio46@gmail.com. Once registered, you will be sent a Zoom link to the sessions. Know that the Zoom time frames are in the Central Time Zone.

To register e-mail Biagio at biagio46@gmail.com
St. Sabina Parish, 700 Trevis Avenue, Belton, MO 64012,
www.stsabina-parish.org 816-979-3153



Sessions will be
facilitated by
Biagio Mazza,
Pastoral
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St. Sabina Parish
Belton, Mo 64012



"And the Word became flesh, and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth."

John 1:14

The angel Gabriel greeted our Blessed Mother Mary with the Greek word, Kaire! That means "Be joyful." God is near us today; He is so near that He became a child. Let us take that joy and share it with others; let us take that joy and change our lives and the lives of others. When we say "Merry Christmas" let us mean it with every fabric of our being.

— See more at www.catholicsteward.com/blog/.

"Y aquel que es la Palabra se hizo hombre y habitó entre nosotros. Hemos visto su gloria, gloria que le corresponde como a unigénito del Padre, lleno de gracia y de verdad."

Juan 1:14

El ángel Gabriel saludó a nuestra Santísima Madre María con la palabra griega ¡Kaire! Eso significa "Sé alegre". Dios está cerca de nosotros hoy; Está tan cerca que se hizo niño. Tomemos esa alegría y compartámosla con los demás; tomemos esa alegría y cambiemos nuestra vida y la de los demás. Cuando decimos "Feliz Navidad", hagámoslo sentir con cada tejido de nuestro ser.

— Vea mas en www.catholicsteward.com/blog/.

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: scan the QR Code or go to our parish website at www.stsabina-parish.org and click the "Online Giving" button in the top right section. This will open a new window through our secure third party website.



Support Our Parish When You Shop Online!

Did you know that your Amazon purchases are likely eligible to provide a donation to our parish? Please keep this in mind while shopping online. Last quarter, we received donations based off of **over \$33,000** of your purchases and over \$297,900 of your purchases, cumulatively! 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. Thank you to the 132 shoppers that have chosen us as their charity!

Contributions for the Week of December 11

Envelopes/Sobres:	\$16,873.00
Weekly Plate:	\$ 1,159.02
Maintenance-Upkeep:	\$ 1,745.00
Immaculate Conception Mass:	\$ 1,067.00

Name the Parish in your Will

In your will after all your family and friends have been taken care of, name our parish as recipients of the residuary (the amount that is left).

Donaciones por Internet

Sta. Sabina ofrece una opción de donar en línea para los feligreses y visitantes. Esta es una manera fácil, y segura de contribuir por internet. Para establecer una contribución única ó recurrente: escanee el código QR o visite nuestro sitio web de la parroquia en www.stsabina-parish.org, haga clic en el botón "Online Giving" en la parte superior derecha. Se abrirá una ventana nueva que lo llevará a otro sitio seguro.

¡Apoya a Nuestra Parroquia al Comprar por Internet!

¿Sabía que es probable que sus compras en



Amazon sean elegibles para proveer una donación para nuestra parroquia? Por favor, tenga esta en cuenta cuando hace sus compras por internet. El último trimestre, recibimos donaciones basadas en **más de \$33,000** de sus compras y más de \$297,900 de sus compras, ¡acumulativamente! Para apoyarnos de esta manera, asegúrese de hacer sus compras en Amazon a través de smile.amazon.com y seleccione "St. Sabina Catholic Church, Belton" como su organización benéfica preferida. ¡Gracias a los 132 compradores que nos han elegido como organización benéfica!

Nombre la Parroquia en su Testamento

En su testamento, después de que todos sus familiares y amigos hayan sido atendidos, nombre a nuestra parroquia como destinatarios del residuo (la cantidad que queda).

Green Team Tip of the Week

Say this prayer for creation with your family:

Wisdom to Care for the Earth

Lord, grant us the wisdom to care for the earth and till it. Help us to act now for the good of future generations and all your creatures. Help us to become instruments of a new creation, founded on the covenant of your love.

Consejo de la Semana del Equipo de Ecología

Recen esta oración por la creación con su familia:

Sabiduría para Cuidar la Tierra

Señor, concédenos la sabiduría para cuidar la tierra y cultivarla. Ayúdanos a actuar ahora por el bien de las generaciones futuras y de todas tus criaturas. Ayúdanos a convertirnos en instrumentos de una nueva creación, fundada en la alianza de tu amor.

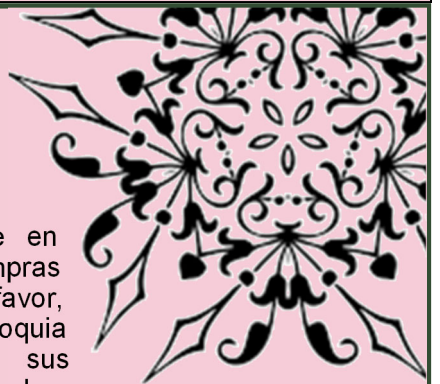
Is St. Sabina on Your Christmas Gift List?

We are officially in the 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 2022 gifts, they must be delivered or post-marked by December 31, 2022!



¿Está Sta. Sabina en Su Lista de Regalos de Navidad?

Estamos oficialmente en la temporada de compras navideñas. Por favor, recuerde nuestra parroquia mientras prepara sus regalos de Navidad y termina sus donaciones para el fin de año. Sus donaciones a nuestra parroquia ayudan a pagar los servicios públicos para mantenerlos en funcionamiento, proporcionar los suministros necesarios para nuestros programas y ministerios, permitimos crear oportunidades de compañerismo para nuestra familia parroquial, pagar a nuestro personal que mantiene las cosas funcionando sin problemas y cubrir gastos inesperados de reparación y mantenimiento. El sustento de nuestra parroquia depende de los dones de todos los miembros de nuestra familia parroquial. Por favor, considere en oración hacer un regalo especial de Navidad y fin de año además de su diezmo regular. ¡Recuerde que para obtener una deducción de impuestos por sus regalos del 2022, deben enviarse antes del 31 de diciembre del 2022!



Meet Our Scholarship Students in El Salvador

Major: Accounting
School: Lutheran University of El Salvador
Expected Graduation: December 2024

Maria's dad did not receive any education. He is a farmer. Her mom received a 1st-grade education and is a homemaker. Maria has a 3-year-old daughter. Through the scholarship program, Maria has been able to learn about other communities in the country and their struggles. Maria's greatest obstacles are her family's financial situation and transportation. She also had a health issue resulting in a hysterectomy. Also, constitutional rights in El Salvador have been suspended due to an emergency state, and this has made commuting to and from school more difficult. After graduation, Maria plans to obtain her accounting license and open her own firm.



Conozca a Nuestros Becados en El Salvador

Carrera: Contabilidad
Escuela: Universidad Luterana de El Salvador
Año de Graduación: Diciembre 2024

**Maria
Cubias**
Casco Urbano,
Cinquera

El papá de María no recibió ninguna educación. Es granjero. Su mamá recibió una educación de 1er grado y es ama de casa. María tiene una hija de 3 años. A través del programa de becas, María ha podido conocer otras comunidades del país y sus luchas. Los mayores obstáculos de María son la situación financiera y el transporte de su familia. Ella también tenía un problema de salud que resultó en una histerectomía. Además, los derechos constitucionales en El Salvador han sido suspendidos debido a un estado de emergencia, y esto ha dificultado viajar hacia y desde la escuela. Después de graduarse, María planea obtener su licencia de contadora y abrir su propia firma.

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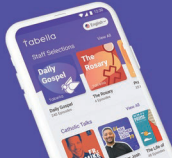
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