

Saint Sabina Catholic Church

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



Pictured above are Leona Ragsdale and Beckee Hart, holding the Lenten Banner that they made for our Parish. Thank you for sharing your time and talent.

Mass Times

Saturday: 4:00pm in English
(Confessions at 3:00pm - 3:30pm)

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



Do you have Christmas lights that burnt out this year or no longer work? Our parish Green Team will have a collection bin in the gathering space the weekends of January 3rd and January 10th where they will collect your old Christmas lights to be recycled.

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Parish Happenings

Parents Lounge

Are you looking for a group that offers discussion on "parent-generated" topics, socialization, and participation in creating family friendly events at the parish? If you answered yes to any of these, then Parents Lounge is for you!

We meet Sundays from 9-10am (during PSR) in the Juan Diego room. Stop in, check it out, and enjoy some coffee and donuts while your kids are in class.

Blood Drive - January 10

Our next blood drive will be held on Sunday, January 10th from 8am - 1pm in the gym. Book your appointment today at savealifenow.org, enter sponsor code: saintsabina. For more information, please contact Michael Dailey at 816-853-8386 or mgdailey123@yahoo.com. Thanks to the Knights of Columbus for sponsoring this blood drive.

Story Time in Spanish

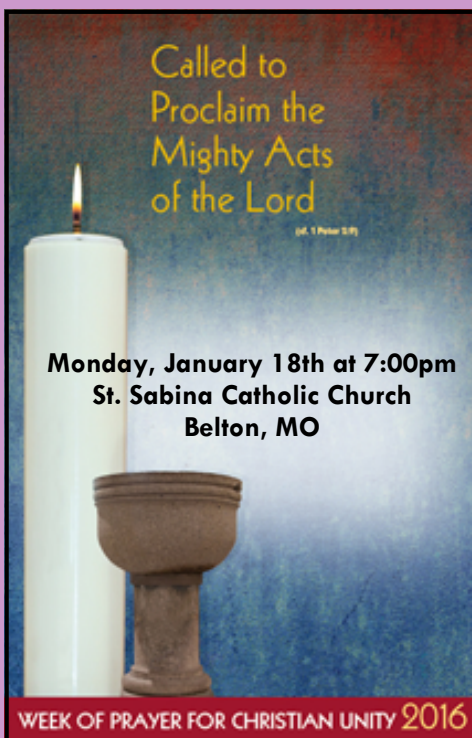
The Belton Library is coming to St. Sabina the second Thursday of every month to present story time in Spanish for children. Please plan on joining us on Thursday, January 14th at 10am in the Juan Diego Room in the Education Wing.

Ecumenical Prayer Service for Week of Christian Unity

A Prayer Service in conjunction with the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be held at St. Sabina on Monday, January 18th at 7:00pm. Please plan on

joining our Christian brothers and sisters from the Belton and Raymore communities as we are "Called to Proclaim the Mighty Acts of the Lord."

January 18-25, 2016 is the annual observance of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The theme chosen for 2016 is Called to Proclaim the Mighty Acts of the Lord. (cf. 1 Peter 2:9) Throughout 2016, join Christians everywhere in praying "that they may all be one" joining our prayer with that of the Lord Jesus Christ. For more information go to: www.geii.org



The Chili Derby hosted by the Knights of Columbus Council 5586

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Chili dinner and Mouse races; the proceeds will go towards the Special Olympics Training for Life Center. This event will take place on Saturday, January 9th from 5:30 - 10pm in the Parish gym. The

menu will include: World's best chili, hotdogs, chips, dessert, & beverages. \$8 Adults, \$7 Seniors, \$5 Children (12 & under). Mouse races begin at 6:30pm, this will include 6 heat races and 1 championship race. Come choose your favorite mouse and win! \$20 per Mouse sponsorship. For more information or sponsorships contact Nick Hadley at 816-916-2430 or hadley19@gmail.com.

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 to help fight hunger in our community. We will be taking a group of 5 people on the third Thursday of each month. If you would like to volunteer, call or email Kirstie in the Youth Office to sign up. This ministry is open to all ages! Our next date is January 21st from 6 -8pm.

New Year's Mass Times

New Year's Eve, Thur. Dec 31

The Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God Vigil

- 6:00pm Bilingual

New Year's Day, Friday, January 1

The Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God

- 10:00am in English

Stewardship of Treasure - December 20

Due to early bulletin deadlines for Christmas, contribution information for December 20 will be printed in the January 3, 2016 bulletin.

“When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, ‘Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety.’ And he said to them, ‘Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?’ But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.”

Luke 2: 48-52

Just as a family unit cannot function properly without each member playing a part, that is true of our local parish family as well. Each of us needs to play a role and to contribute as a member of that family. That is what stewardship is all about. We must be stewards for our personal families to function, and we must also be good stewards for our parish family to be effective. - See more at www.catholicsteward.com/blog/

Stewardship of Treasure:

A Special Christmas Thank you

This year we were able to help a lot of families for Christmas with our Jesse Tree donations and other special donations - so thank you all who donated to that. We'd like to especially thank the REACH Healthcare Foundation, our council of Knights of Columbus, our SCC groups, and other parishioners who made special donations for Christmas assistance. Thank you all and many blessings in this new year!



Pictured are Kris and Bridget doing some Christmas shopping with the donations to help families needing Christmas assistance.

Calendar

Sunday, December 27 - Domingo, 27 de Diciembre

- 8:00am Mass
- 10:30am Mass
- 12:30pm Misa en Español

Monday, December 28 - Lunes, 28 de Diciembre

- 10:00am Uplift Meal Prep - Gym
- 5:30pm Marian Prayer Group

Tuesday, December 29 - Martes, 29 de Diciembre

- 4:30pm Confessions
- 6:00pm Mass

Wednesday, December 30 - Miércoles, 30 de Diciembre

- 8:00am Mass
- 9:00am Legion of Mary
- 7:00pm Choir Practice (10:30am Choir)

Thursday, December 31 - Jueves, 31 de Diciembre

- New Year's Eve
- 6:00pm Mary Mother of God Vigil Mass (Bilingual)

Friday, January 1 - Viernes, 1 de Enero

- New Year's Day
- Parish Office Closed/Oficina Parroquial Cerrada
- 10:00am Mary Mother of God Holy Day Mass
- 11:00am Adoration

Saturday, January 2 - Sábado, 2 de Enero

- Knights Roses for Life
- 3:00pm Confessions
- 4:00pm Mass

Sunday, January 3 - Domingo, 3 de Enero

- Epiphany
- Knights Roses for Life
- Catholic Key Subscription Sunday
- 1:30pm Tres Reyes

Intentions for December 28, 2015 - January 1, 2016

Mon. 8am †Fr. Paul A. Blaes
Tues. 6pm †Fr. Hugh Mullin
Wed. 8am †Robert Rhodes
Thurs. 8am †Phil Whorton

Holy Day Vigil

Thurs. 6pm Intentions of Jeanne Patterson

Holy Day Mass

Friday 10am †Janet Bremer
11am Adoration

Saturday, January 2, 2016

4:00pm Intentions of the Parish Family

Sunday, January 3, 2016

8:00am †Barbara Burdick
†Jim Ohnemus
10:30am †Robert Rhodes
12:30pm Spanish †Ramon Esparza

Nursing Home Mass Schedule

Dec 30 8:00am St. Sabina Parish
Jan 6 10:30am Beautiful Savior
Jan 13 10:00am Rehabilitation Center of Raymore
Jan 20 10:00am Foxwood Springs

Pastoral Care

From Death to New Life † De la Muerte a la Nueva Vida
†Robert Rhodes, father of Judy Onderstal

Prayer Requests Peticiones de Oración

Dick Anthony	Heather Dull	Joni Peel
Kelly Anthony	Richard Estes	Melinda Pickens
Beverly Bell	Butch Ford	Mary Renfro
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Sheryll Bentley	Laverne Harlow	Austin Richards
John Bidondo	Cherie Hatfield	Patricia Smith
Allie Biondo	Bart Henke	Joe Stanley
Richard Borris	Mary Ellen Hermann	Noah Stanley
Gretchen Butler	Richard Hoedl	Teresa Starks
Chlorine Bunch	Kelly Jordon	Bill Sullivan
Georgene Caoile	Kelsey Krum	Jean Tate
Marvin Cohen	Vernita Linenberger	Ruth Tayler
Joseph Coots	Jo Locke	Bob Westfall
Tyler Corlew	Gloria McLaughlin	Mary Westfall
Donna Dailey	Nadine Monnig	Carmita Yust
Margaret Dellaguardia	Helen Muenks	Berenice Zayas
Margo Dellaguardia	Gary Palmer	Pablo Zayas
Paul DeMar	Thelma Palmer	
Frances DiGeorge	George Panebianco	

Anointing the Sick

If you suffer from a chronic illness, the affect of advanced years or have an upcoming surgery and wish to receive the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick please let Fr. Jeff or Fr. Curt know at the Mass you attend and they will be happy to celebrate the sacrament with you.

If you have questions or would like to schedule it ahead of time, please call Marta Roper in the parish office at 816-979-3154.

your suggested daily intake of fiber and one-third the protein. And because fiber and protein slow digestion, beans provide sustained energy and satiety. That trumps any minor health benefits you'll get from the peas and tiny carrots you might find in your potpie or the spinach on your sodium-laden pizza. **Answer: A**

Holiday hours:

New Year's Eve: close early at 3:00pm. Closed New Year's Day and Saturday, January 2nd 2016

May all have a Happy, Healthy and Blessed New Year!

Wellness Center

Wellness Center Class Schedule

Monday: Yoga Basics 1- 2pm
Gentle Yoga 2 - 3pm
Yoga 6 - 7pm

Tuesday: Strength & Stretch 1- 2pm
Gentle Stretch & Strength 2 - 3pm

Wednesday: Yoga Basics 1- 2pm
Gentle Yoga 2 - 3pm
Strength & Restore 6 - 7pm

Thursday: Stretch & Strength 1- 2pm
Gentle Stretch & Strength 2 - 3pm
Wellness Center Closing at 3pm

Friday: New Years Day - Closed

Saturday: Closed

Nutrition Quiz: In the freezer aisle

- A. Bean burrito
- B. Veggie pizza
- C. Chicken potpie

Cooked black and pinto beans are nutritional powerhouses-one cup can provide more than half

School of Religion

No Parish School of Religion classes from Dec 13 - Jan 3!

Our School of Religion will be closed the following Sundays for Winter break: Dec 13, Dec 20, Dec 27, and Jan 3. Classes will resume on Sunday January 10th! Have a blessed Winter break!

Children's Liturgy Sunday will be on January 17th!

Children from our parish are invited to be Lectors, Ushers, Greeters and Gift Bearers at a Mass each month. Our next Mass date is Sunday, January 17th at the 10:30am Mass. Please contact Kirstie Roberts if your child would like to sign up for this ministry.

First Reconciliation Service

for our PSR students will be on January 19th at 7pm in the church.

Form for Communication with Minors

Parents and guardians must now sign a form giving permission for St. Sabina staff, specifically the Youth Director, Kirstie Roberts to respond to text messages, emails and phone calls from the youth of the parish. These forms are available in the back of the church with the PSR registrations and in the Youth Office.

Donut Sunday! Please join us for doughnuts and orange juice on January 10th after the 8 and 10:30 masses which will be hosted by the 2nd grade class!

Christmas Poinsettias

Thank you to all that have made donations for the beautiful poinsettia plants which have been placed in the church in memory of the following:

José G. Echevarria, Damiana Campoverde, Maria C. Campoverde, Bob Meiron, George Pierce, Joe Falco, Sr., Charlie and Carrio Carrollo, Lisa Ninci Denney, Kathryn Eidenhammer, William Hare, Dan Barberis, Robert Rose, Sr., John Sellmeyer, Casey Pointer, Fabian Villareal, Claudia Wilbur, Mike Villareal, Dorothy Wilbur, Martha and Arthur Anthony, Cierra Anthony, Harvey Joe Castañeda, Jay, Maria, Maggie, Ernest McDougal, Carl Parrott, Della White, Billy Caruthers, Gene and Agnes McEwen, Marty Glatz, Mary Pat Ahlfeldt, Mary Teresa Grasko, Walter Zmuda, James and Bernadine Martin, Carol, Rose, Mary, and Denny Martin, Albert and Loritta Verhulst, L. James Wolfe, John C. Mayabb, Ivan Dull, Gayle and Clyde Holder, Gertrude and Raymond Friedl, Betty Autrey, Frank Ranes, Mary Shelby, Kathleen Muder, Juan G. Gogue, Magdalena K. Gogue, Regina F. Gogue, Charlie Shelby, Nona Strassk, Harold L. Brown, The Morrison Family, The Littler Family, Helen Ralston, Brandon Dennis, Ralph and Mary Iseman, Ella Hemmen, Thomas Foster and Elizabeth Foster.

Youth Ministry

Confirmation Sponsor

Night Our next meeting will be January 13th in the Parish Hall from 7-8:30pm. If your sponsor is unable to attend the meeting, you must still be present.

High School Sports Lock-In

On January 16th we are packing up and heading to Legacy Park in Lee's Summit for an overnight of fun! There will be swimming, basketball, volleyball, racket ball, a movie room, game room and a room for pizza and snacks. We will leave St. Sabina at 8pm on the 16th and go to St. Margaret's church for Mass and then head next door to begin the Lock In. We will return to St. Sabina at 6:30am on Sunday morning. The cost is \$20 per person. Boys are to bring a 2 liter of pop to share and girls are to bring a snack (chips or cookies) to share. You are

welcome to bring a friend and everyone must have permission slips which are available in the Youth Office and on the parish website. If any parents can help with driving or chaperoning, please contact Kirstie Roberts, 816-979-3155.

Junior High Youth!

Our next meetings will be January 6th and 20th, from 7-8:30pm in the Parish Hall.

Team Meetings for Search

All Peer Ministers and Adult Team members of the Search Retreat are required to attend the following meetings to prepare for the Search Retreat. Each meeting is from 1-4pm in the Parish Hall. January 31, February 14, February 21 and February 28. If you have a conflict that interferes with any of these meetings, please contact Kirstie Roberts.

High School & Confirmation Youth

Our next meetings are Sunday, January 10th and 24th from 7-8:30pm.

Child Safety

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combating 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, Jennifer Valenti, at 816.812.2500 or JenniferValenti@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).

A Note from your Pastor

We have begun the new church year with the first Sunday of Advent. Pope Francis has declared this church year as the Year of Mercy, which officially begins on December 8th, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. The Pope will open the Holy Doors of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome to inaugurate this holy year. If you go to our St. Sabina website, you will find links to both the Vatican's website for the holy year and also our US Conference of Bishops' website. During this year, we at St. Sabina will also be focusing on mercy and forgiveness. Bookmark our webpage and go to it often for all parish updates and happenings: www.stsabina-parish.org.

Advent is the time of year with much anticipation. We are awaiting the return of our Savior Jesus Christ and remember his first coming as the child born in a manger on Christmas. It is a season to reflect and prepare our hearts and souls to make room for him in our life. We as a parish community also reflect on what we have prepared. We have two missions; one in Cinquera, El Salvador (your Chiefs raffle tickets support this) and Anapra, Mexico with the vacation bible school. We also began St. Sabina Helping Hands project this year that is ongoing throughout the year when we have a need, and we continue our participation with Christmas in October. We collect food year round for the homeless, and we participate in Project Uplift and Lord of Love community meals. We have just finished the final stage of replacing all viable electrical lights with LED lights which provides the parish with much lower electric bills. Along with our new HVAC system in the parish offices and our recycle efforts, we are doing our best to reduce our consumption. Each month our parish also visits over 100 people in our area nursing homes and our homebound parishioners, visiting with them, praying with them, and bringing them the Eucharist.

Our goal at St. Sabina is to provide a holistic approach to fulfill your needs: Spiritual, Physical and Emotional. Our Wellness Center is going strong with check-ups, testing, classes and much more. If you haven't visited the wellness center, please do, as they provide so much for our parishioners.

We do have needed projects in the works. Our parking lots are in need of repaving along with our sidewalks around the church. New carpet in the education wing and new flooring in the wellness center are sorely needed. These are large projects that require a lot of money. We do have savings with the diocese now and are completely debt free, but our weekly giving has dropped in the past year. We have more parishioners, but less tithing. I do hope and pray that you remember your parish as we close the tax year of 2015. All donations are tax deductible and are put to good use.

I pray for you all daily; may you have a blessed Advent, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

-Fr. Jeff



Reflection on the Feast of the Holy Family, Year C

Today the Holy Family is used as a model of the dynamics of family life between parents and children. Someone once exclaimed that such a family model was not fair. After all, this family was made up of two saints and God incarnate. This person knew rather clearly that such was not the status of their family. While somewhat humorous, it does point out the need for a corrective in terms of the way we look at Jesus' family. Today's readings allow us to consider another way to look at the holy family as a model for our families.

The refrain from responsorial Psalm 84 invites us to acclaim, "Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord." While God's house might be understood as the Jewish temple or our parish church, the meaning is more inclusive. As families, we are called to make our house, God's house. By singing the psalm refrain, we call blessings upon our house, which is to be transformed into God's house. How do we transform our house into God's house? The readings offer important clues for such transformation to happen.

In the first reading from 1 Samuel, Hannah and Elkanah make their house God's house by blessing God for the gift of a long awaited son, Samuel. When God granted their request, they returned that gift to God by bringing up the child as one who would be dedicated to the Lord. How do we bring up our children so that they are conscious of their relationship and dedication to the Lord?

The reading from 1 John reminds us that in our baptism we become God's children. We are all members of the family of God, living out our commitment to make our lives and houses God's by modeling ourselves on Jesus who

commanded us to love one another. Those who live this life style remain in God and God remains in them. In so doing, we are making our house God's house.

Only Luke's gospel relates this account of the twelve year old Jesus on Passover pilgrimage to Jerusalem with his parents. Jesus is of the age when a Jewish boy becomes a "son of the commandments" assuming responsibility for his faith journey with God. This context provides the dynamics that are operative in the story.

Jesus is at the age in which he is asserting the need and desire to explore his faith life with God. He uses this pilgrimage opportunity to talk with the religious educators of his time, asking questions and learning from their shared wisdom. When his parents show up, worried sick about his whereabouts, he merely states what he was about, namely to be in his Father's house.

While this can be interpreted as an affirmation of his divinity and special affinity to God, it can also be interpreted as the awakening of any righteous Jew's desire to be in deep and intimate relationship with God. That is exactly what "being in my father's house" actually indicates.

Jesus, mindful of his awakening desire for closer intimacy with God, is also aware of his family responsibilities, and responds in obedience and love. He returns to Nazareth. With his family, he continues cultivating his love of God and nurturing his desire for deeper intimacy with God. With his parents as guides, Jesus grows in age, wisdom and grace. Their house is God's house.

The family dynamics are a real part of family life. How can Mary and Joseph respect the awakening

Readings

Sunday, December 27, 2015

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

Psalm: Psalms 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

2nd Reading: 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

Sunday, January 3, 2016

1st Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm: Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

2nd Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12



Bible Study

Catholics are mostly exposed to the Bible through the Sunday Lectionary Readings. In order to help us all enter into the Bible through the Sunday readings, we are offering study sessions that will provide an opportunity to read, to study background to the readings, and to reflect on how to apply the readings to our lives. **We will gather on January 10th and 24th at 10:30am.** All are welcome. Bring a Bible and a friend. To register for these sessions, please call Biagio at 816-979-3153.

desire in their son, while at the same time reminding him of his need for further growth and maturity in the context of family? How can Jesus, aware of his awakening desire, also be faithful to his family life, responsibilities and respect due his parents?

Are these not the realities of family living? Just as Jesus, Mary and Joseph struggled, so too we, as families, struggle to know God's will in our lives and how to carry it out to the best of our abilities. In so doing, we make our house God's house. This week, reflect on how the holy family can be a source of strength and encouragement as we engage in all the dynamics of being family together.

Biagio Mazza,
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happy birthday

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Happy Anniversary

Juan & Socorro Lopez	10 Years!	12/28/2005
Aaron & Karla Coronado	12 Years!	12/27/2003
Juan & Ampara Aguilera	15 Years!	12/29/2000
Rogelio & Sara Mendiola	17 Years!	12/31/1998
Alvaro Santillanes & Juany Talamantes	18 Years!	12/27/1997
Marvin & Denise Cohen	19 Years!	12/28/1996
Oscar & Maria Castillo	19 Years!	12/28/1996
Ramon & Isela Gomez	20 Years!	12/31/1995
Jaime Perez & Doraida Aguirre	22 Years!	12/31/1993
Andres & Maria Orozco	24 Years!	12/27/1991
Carlos & Maria Arroyo	26 Years!	12/31/1989
Arturo & Rosy Borja	26 Years!	12/29/1989
Mike & Kris Larkey	28 Years!	12/27/1987
Gary & Carol Welborn	36 Years!	12/27/1979
Jeffrey & Sandy Spiller	46 Years!	12/29/1969
John & Barbara Clark	48 Years!	12/30/1967
Eliceo & Maria Rocha	49 Years!	01/01/1967
Jim & Ann Morales	49 Years!	12/31/1966
Joe & Susan Lager	50 Years!	12/29/1965
Richard & Doris Deschenes	63 Years!	12/27/1952

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Reflexión sobre la Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia, Ciclo C

Hoy en día, la Sagrada Familia se utiliza como modelo de la dinámica de la vida familiar entre padres e hijos. Una vez alguien exclamo que ese modelo de familia no era justo. Después de todo, esta familia se componía de dos santos y Dios encarando. Esta persona sabía bien claramente que tal no era el estatus de su familia. Mientras que hay un poco de humor en esto, también nos señala la necesidad de una corrección en cuanto a la manera en que vemos a la familia de Jesús. Las lecturas de hoy nos permiten considerar otra forma de ver a la Sagrada Familia como modelo para nuestras familias.

El estribillo del Salmo Responsorial 84 nos invita a aclamar, “Bienaventurados los que habitan en tu casa, Oh Señor.” Mientras que la casa de Dios podría ser entendida como el templo judío o nuestra iglesia parroquial, el significado es más inclusivo que eso. Como familias, somos llamados a hacer de nuestra casa, la casa de Dios. Al cantar el estribillo del Salmo, llamamos bendiciones sobre nuestra casa, que ha de ser transformada a la casa de Dios. ¿Cómo transformamos nuestra casa a la casa de Dios? Las lecturas nos ofrecen pistas importantes para que esta transformación ocurra.

En la primera lectura de 1 de Samuel, Ana y Elcana hacen de su casa la casa de Dios por la bendición de Dios de, del regalo de un hijo tan esperado, Samuel. Cuando Dios les concedió su petición, ellos le regresaron ese regalo de Dios al educar al niño como alguien que se dedicaría al Señor. ¿Cómo podemos nosotros educar a nuestros hijos para que sean conscientes de su relación y dedicación al Señor?

La lectura de 1 de Juan nos recuerda que en nuestro bautismo nos convertimos en hijos de Dios. Todos nosotros somos miembros de la familia de Dios, viviendo nuestro compromiso de hacer de nuestras vidas y de nuestras casas de Dios mediante el modelo de Jesús quien nos mandó a

amarnos unos a otros. Los que viven este estilo de vida permanecerán en Dios y Dios permanecerá en ellos. Al hacer esto, estamos haciendo nuestra casa la casa de Dios.

Solamente el Evangelio de Lucas relata esta cuenta del Jesús de doce años en la Pascua de peregrinación a Jerusalén con sus padres. Jesús está de la edad en la que un niño judío se convierte en un “hijo de los mandamientos”, asumiendo responsabilidad de su camino de fe con Dios. Este contexto proporciona las dinámicas que son eficaces en la historia.

Jesús está en la edad en la que él está afirmando la necesidad y el deseo de explorar su vida de fe con Dios. El usa esta oportunidad de peregrinación para hablar con los educadores religiosos de su tiempo, haciendo preguntas y aprendiendo de su sabiduría compartida. Cuando sus padres llegan, muy preocupados por su paradero, el simplemente afirma de lo que él se trataba, es decir, estar en la casa de su Padre.

Mientras que esto puede ser interpretado como una afirmación de su divinidad y afinidad especial con Dios, también puede ser interpretado como el despertar del deseo de cualquier judío justo de estar en una relación íntima y profunda con Dios. Eso es exactamente lo que “estar en la casa de mi padre” en realidad indica.

Jesús, consciente de su deseo de despertar por la intimidad más profunda con Dios, también es consciente de sus responsabilidades familiares, y responde en obediencia y amor. El regresa a Nazaret. Junto a su familia, el sigue cultivando su amor a Dios y alimentando su deseo por una relación de intimidad más profunda con Dios. Con sus padres como guías, Jesús crece en edad. Sabiduría y gracia. Su casa es la casa de Dios.

La dinámica de la familia es una parte real de la vida familiar.

¿Cómo pueden María y José respetar el deseo de despertar en su hijo, mientras que al mismo tiempo recordarle de su necesidad de un mayor crecimiento y madurez en el contexto de la familia? ¿Cómo puede Jesús, consciente de su deseo de despertar, también ser fiel a su vida familiar, a las responsabilidades y el respeto por sus padres?

¿No son estas las realidades de la vida familiar? Del mismo modo que lucharon Jesús, María y José, así también luchamos nosotros, como familias, luchamos por conocer la voluntad de Dios en nuestras vidas y en qué forma llevarla, a medida de lo mejor de nuestra capacidad. Al hacer esto, hacemos de nuestra casa la casa de Dios. Esta semana, reflexione sobre como la Sagrada Familia puede ser una fuente de fortaleza y animo mientras nos involucramos en todas las dinámicas de ser familia juntos.

Biagio Mazza
Asociado Pastoral



Lecturas

Lecturas del Domingo, 27 de Diciembre

Primera Lectura: 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

Salmo: Salmo 127:1-2, 3, 4-5

Segunda Lectura: 1 Juan 3:1-2, 21-24

Evangelio: Lucas 2:41-52

Lecturas del Domingo, 1 de Enero

Primera Lectura: Isaías 60:1-6

Salmo: Salmo 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

Segunda Lectura: Efesios 3:2-3a, 5-6

Evangelio: Mateo 2:1-12



Escuela de Religión

No habrán clases de Religión para los niños los domingos 13, 20, y 27 de Diciembre ni el 3 de Enero, 2016

Nuestra Escuela de Religión estará cerrada los domingos 13, 20, y 27 de Diciembre y el 3 de Enero, debido a nuestras vacaciones de invierno. Las clases comenzaran de nuevo el Domingo, 10 de Enero del 2016. Que tengan una Feliz Navidad y un Prospero Año Nuevo.

Formas de Comunicación con Menores

Padres y guardianes deben de llenar una forma dándole permiso al personal de Santa Sabina, especialmente a la directora de los Jóvenes, Kirstie Roberts, para ella poder responder a cualquier mensaje de texto, correo electrónico o llamadas de teléfono de parte de los jóvenes de nuestra parroquia. Estas formas están disponibles en la Oficina.

Servicio de Primera Reconciliación

Nuestro Servicio de Primer Reconciliación se llevara a cabo el 19 de Enero a las 7pm en la Iglesia.

Todas las personas que son voluntarios con los jóvenes o niños de nuestra parroquia deben atender a un taller llamado Protegiendo a los Niños de Dios, también necesitaran someterse a una verificación de antecedentes y deberán firmar la póliza sobre Éticas e Integridad en el Ministerio. (EIM)

Ministerio Juvenil

Noche de Padrinos de Confirmación

Su primer noche de Padrinos de Confirmación será el Miércoles, 13 de Enero de 7-8:30pm. Un padrino de Confirmación es un adulto Confirmado en la fe Católica, que no sean los padres del joven y que estén en buenos términos con su Iglesia.

Noche de deportes!

El 16 de Enero tomaremos un viaje a Legacy Park en Lee's Summit para una noche de diversión! Habrá natación, baloncesto, voleibol, racket ball, una sala de cine, sala de juegos y sala de pizza y bocadillos. Saldremos de Santa Sabina a las 8pm el 16 de Enero e iremos a la iglesia St. Margaret para la Misa esa noche y después iremos al parque Legacy que se encuentra al lado de la iglesia. Regresaremos a Santa Sabina el Domingo a las 6:30am. El costo por persona será \$20. Los muchachos deben traer un litro de soda para compartir y las muchachas un bocadillo como chips o galletas para compartir. Le invitamos a traer a un amigo, todas la personas que asistirán deben tener una forma de permiso firmada por sus padres, estas formas se encuentran en la oficina y también en nuestra pagina web.

Jóvenes de High School o Confirmación

Sus juntas serán el 10 y el 24 de Enero en el salón Parroquial 7-8:30pm.

Jóvenes de Junior High

Sus próximas juntas serán el Miércoles, 6 y 20 de Enero de 7-8:30pm.

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, o si usted observa o sospecha de abuso sexual, por favor:

- 1) Llame a línea directa de Abuso Infantil en Missouri al 1.800.392.3738 (si la 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 Victimias, Kathleen Chastain al 816.392.0011 o chastain@diocesekcsj.org para mas información.

Información de la Zona

Alcohólicos Anónimos

El Grupo Fe y Decisión se reúne cada Lunes, Miércoles, y Viernes de 7:00pm-8:30pm a 708 Main St., Grandview, MO.

Para mas información, llame 816-721-0594 o 816-682-7210. Cree tener problemas con las bebidas? Venga, nosotros te podemos ayudar.

**Horarios de Misa de Año Nuevo
Víspera del Año Nuevo, Jueves, 31
de Diciembre**

La Solemnidad de María, La Vigilia
de la Madre de Dios

- 6:00pm Bilingüe

Año Nuevo, Jueves, 1 de Enero

La Solemnidad de María la madre
de Dios

- 10:00am en Ingles

Corresponsabilidad

El propósito final de la Carta de San Pablo a los Colosenses es enseñar a la comunidad cómo profundizar su relación con Cristo Jesús. Su lista de virtudes resume los ideales de la corresponsabilidad comunal: compasión, bondad, humildad, amabilidad y paciencia. Para San Pablo, practicar estas virtudes abre nuestros corazones a Cristo como individuos y como comunidad de culto. Así es, cómo la comunidad cristiana debería de vivir. Esto es, cómo sus miembros deben conducirse en su trato con otros, especialmente con los compañeros creyentes. Al aproximarnos al nuevo año, ¿cómo podríamos abrazar una o más de estas virtudes más plenamente en nuestra comunidad parroquial para profundizar nuestra relación con Jesús?

Tesoro: Un gracias especial de Navidad

Este año pudimos ayudar a muchas familias para Navidad con nuestras donaciones del Árbol de Jesé y otras donaciones especiales - así que gracias a todos quienes donaron a esa causa. Nos gustaría dar las gracias especialmente al REACH healthcare foundation, nuestro grupo del Caballeros de Colón, nuestro comunidad cristiana (SCC), y a otros feligreses quienes hicieron donaciones especiales para la asistencia Navideña. Gracias y muchas bendiciones en este año nuevo!

Información Parroquial

La Oficina Parroquial estará cerrada el 1 de Enero

Nuestra oficina parroquial estará cerrada el Viernes, 1 de Enero en conmemoración del Día de Año Nuevo. Les deseamos un prospero 2016 a usted y a su familia!

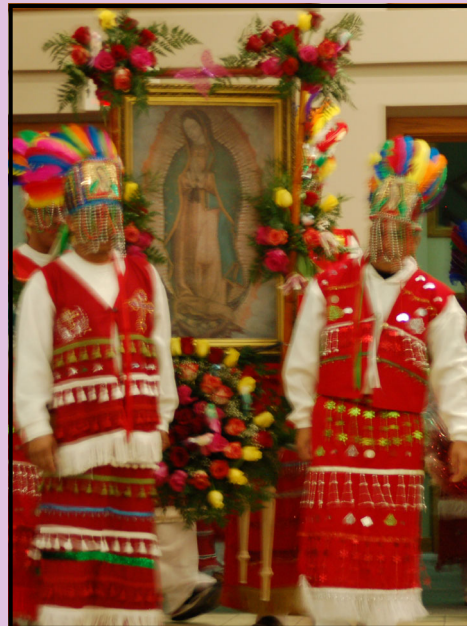
Donación de Sangre - 10 de Enero

Nuestro próximo evento para donar sangre se llevara a cabo el Domingo, 10 de Enero de las 8am - 1pm en el gimnasio. Puede hacer su cita en la pagina web savealifenow.org, el código de patrocinador es: saintsabina. Para mas información, por favor comuníquese con alguien en la oficina parroquial al 816-331-4713. Gracias a los Caballeros de Colon por patrocinar este evento.

Hora de Cuentos en Español

La Biblioteca de Belton estará viniendo a Santa Sabina el segundo Jueves de cada mes para presentar "Hora de Cuentos en Español" para los niños. Por favor planea unirse a nosotros el Jueves, 14 de enero a las 10am en el Salón Juan Diego ubicado en la Escuela de Religión.

Mas fotografías de nuestra celebración del Día de la Virgen de Guadalupe el Sábado, 12 de Diciembre.



Platicas

Platicas Pre-bautismales - 9 de Enero

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

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

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En esta foto aparecen Bridget Hernandez y Kris Larkey haciendo algunas compras de Navidad con las donaciones para ayudar a las familias que necesitaron ayuda esta Navidad. Gracias a todas las personas que ayudaron.

Horarios de Misa

Sábado: 4:00pm en Ingles
(Confesiones de 3:00pm - 3:30pm)

Domingo: 8:00am and 10:30am en Ingles,
12:30pm en Español

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