

Saint Sabina Catholic Church

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



Thank you to our Art and Environment Team who shared their time on December 20 to prepare our church for the Christmas season! Check out the time-lapse of their hard work on our website: www.stsabinaaparish.org

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.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

December 31, 2017

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Intentions for January 1-5, 2018

Mon.	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE	
Tues.	6pm	†Fr. Chuck Jones
Wed.	10:30am	†Fr. Robert Stewart (Beautiful Savior)
Thurs.	8am	†Felix Suwito
Fri.	8am	†Laverne Bremer

Saturday, January 6, 2018

4:00pm	Intentions of the Parish Family †Cynthia Prendergast
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Sunday, January 7, 2018

8:00am	†Ernest Garnier
10:30am	In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony †Joel Perez Lopez
12:30pm Spanish	†Celia Zavala Gonzalez †Pedro Candia Intenciones de Alfredo Salas y Maria Torres

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

†Fr. Robert Stewart, priest of our Diocese and Pastor of St. Patrick Parish in North Kansas City



Calendar/Parish Happenings

Sunday, December 31 - Domingo, 31 de Diciembre

New Year's Eve

11:00am Ensayo del Coro Hispano

Monday, January 1 - Lunes, 1 de Enero

No Scheduled Events—Office Closed

Tuesday, January 2 - Martes, 2 de Enero

7:00pm Living Stones

Wednesday, January 3 - Miércoles, 3 de Enero

7:00pm Choir Practice (4:00 & 10:30 groups)

7:00pm Knights Business Meeting

Thursday, January 4 - Jueves, 4 de Enero

9:30am Quilters

7:00pm RCIA/RICA

8:00pm Choir Practice (8:00 group)

Friday, January 5 - Viernes, 5 de Enero

No Scheduled Events

Saturday, January 6 - Sábado, 6 de Enero

Altar Society Sale

3:00pm Confessions

Sunday, January 7 - Domingo, 7 de Enero

Donut Sunday/Altar Society Sale/Tres Reyes

8:00am Blood Drive

9:00am PSR/Parents Lounge

11:00am Ensayo del Coro Hispano

11:00am Escuela de Religión

2:00pm Search Team Meeting

7:00pm Confirmation and High School Youth Group



Parishioner John Cisetti has been the band director at Louisburg High School for 39 years. This year his band is marching in the Tournament of Roses Parade on New Year's Day. If you watch the parade on TV, look for John. He'll be waving to all of us. Congratulations, John!!

Roses for Life Campaign

On January 6-7 the Knights of Columbus will be collecting signatures to send to our Representatives and Senators in Congress asking them to support pro-life legislation. Please take a rose, fill out your contact information and return the rose to the Knights.

Valentine Dance—February 10

Save the date for the annual Valentine Dance hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary: February 10, 2018. More details to come



On December 17 our Hispanic community celebrated "Las Posadas" a reenactment of Joseph and Mary looking for a place to stay before the birth of our Lord. More pictures in the Spanish section.



Parish Happenings

Knights Bingo and Cajun Dinner - Jan 20

Save the date for the Knights of Columbus Bingo and Cajun Dinner which will be held on Saturday, January 20th after the 4pm Mass.

Lectionary Year B and The Gospel of Mark - Faith Formation Series beginning in January

Lectionary Year B focuses on the Gospel of Mark, the first gospel to be written somewhere between 67-73 CE. Mark is the first evangelist to give Jesus a human face along with a mission to proclaim the realm of God. For Mark, Jesus is God's suffering servant experiencing misunderstanding, rejection, persecution, suffering and even death as an integral part of being faithful to proclaiming and living out all that God's realm entails.

These four two hour sessions will explore the situation and context of the community that produced the gospel, along with their questions, concerns and needs. We will attempt to understand the mind and heart of the Marcan community by carefully reading and unpacking the gospel, focusing on its key themes and message for the community that produced it and for us today.

Bring an open, inquiring mind, a bible, and anyone you think would benefit from our communal exploration of Mark's gospel. The sessions will be facilitated by Biagio Mazza, Pastoral Associate, St. Sabina Parish, Belton, MO. The four sessions will be held on Wednesday Evenings 7-9 PM beginning January 10 and ending on January 31, 2018. The sessions will be repeated on Thursday Mornings, 10 AM-Noon, beginning January 11 and ending on February 1, 2018. To register, simply e-mail Biagio at biagio@stsabinaparish.org and state your time frame preference.

Blood Drive—January 7

Community Blood Center is the primary supplier of blood for local hospitals and has been serving Missouri and Kansas hospitals for more than 50 years. Community Blood Center needs to collect 580 pints of blood every day and over 140,000 pints annually to meet the needs of our local hospitals. An individual within the area that Community Blood Center serves needs a blood transfusion every 4 minutes.

Please share your gift of life with local hospital patients who need it by donating at the next blood drive on Sunday, January 7 from 8am-1pm in the gym. To make an appointment online, visit esavealifenow.org and use **sponsor code: saintsabina**. For more details contact Michael Dailey at 816.853.8386 or mgdailey123@yahoo.com.

Baptism Congratulations

Nova Estefania Hernandez, the daughter of Gil and Bridget Hernandez.



Grand Knight, Corey Morgan, gave out 4 awards for Knight of the Quarter for 2017 at the Knights of Columbus Christmas Party. 1st quarter: Doug Thurman for his help with the fish fries. 2nd quarter: Michael Dailey for his help with the blood drives. 3rd quarter: David Pierce (not pictured) for his help with the golf tournament. 4th quarter: John Berryman for his help with the Tootsie Roll drive.

Information

Save Our Seminarians (SOS) Benefit Dinner

Save the date of Friday, January 26th for the SOS Benefit Dinner, an annual dinner and marketplace to benefit the seminarians of Conception Seminary College, the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph and the Archdiocese of Kansas City, KS. The event will be held at Union Station in Kansas City beginning at 5:30pm. For more information or to donate a gift for the marketplace, please contact Martha Hodes at 913-207-9893 or mmmhsos512@gmail.com.

Missouri Adoption Law is Changing!

On January 1st, 2018, adult adoptees (ages 18 and older) will be granted access to their original birth certificate. Birth parents have the right to protect their confidentiality under the new law, but they must act before January 1st. For more information, contact the Missouri Bureau of Vital Records by phone at (573) 751-6387 OR by email at vitalrecordsinfo@health.mo.gov. Visit the Bureau's website at www.health.mo.gov/data/vitalrecords/adopterightsact.php for more detailed information about the new law.

"COPING WITH LIFE ALONE" - Peer-To-Peer Grief Support

"COPING WITH LIFE ALONE®" is a Beginning Experience® grief support program that meets each week for 7 weeks. The program helps those who have lost a love relationship due to death, divorce or separation, move through the experience of grief and loss into a future with renewed hope.

UPCOMING PROGRAM DATES AND LOCATION:

Kansas City, MO – Sundays, January 14 through February 25, at St John Francis Regis Church, 8941 James A. Reed Road, KCMO. Contact Donna at (816-305-3760), for information and registration. Sessions will be from 1:30-3:30pm.

Dreams Fulfilled, Promises Honored!

Avila University's 42nd annual Steer Dinner & Auction benefiting student scholarships will be on February 3rd at the Kansas City Marriott Downtown Muehlebach Tower. The evening begins at 6pm and includes a cocktail reception, steak dinner, silent and live auctions and an after party with live music and dancing. Individual tickets are \$250; sponsorship opportunities begin at \$2,500 for a table of 10. Black tie optional (Avila purple is encouraged!) Register by January 26 at Avila.edu/Steer. Questions? Please call 816.501.2450 or email SteerDinner@avila.edu. Thank you, Roderick J. and Jo Anne Cyr Foundation & DJ & Ann O'Hare, honorary chairs; Rodd and Martha '66 Staker, event chairs.

happy birthday

Joana Alvarez	Caroline Henkhaus	Ana Palomares
Marielle Arnold	Josue Hinojos	Itzel Perez
Alexander Arreola	Yamilet Huerta	Josafat Placencia
Guadalupe Ayala	Tom Iseman	Diana Ramirez
Tania Becerra	Isabel Jaimes	Girolama Randazzo
Ramona Benitez	Claude Jewell	Reyna Razo
Michael Biondo	Kathy Kratoofil	Luis Rocha
Gary Braley	Julie Lafata	Eliceo Rocha
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Cezar Franco	Tauania Lopez	Maria Senda
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Axel Gonzalez	Sarah Mendiola	Rosa Torres
Maria Gonzalez de Medina	Argentina Meza-Dubón	Jose Valenzuela
Emily Gracida	Melanie Miller	Valentina Vazquez
Marie Graves	Joshua Moore	Emily Vazquez
McKenna Griggs	Eliseo Mora	Janet Villalobos
William Guardado	Jerry Nation	Rosa Villegas
Fernando Gutierrez	Brian Niemeyer	Terrance Wartell
Shaun Halbhuber	Santiago Orozco	Mary Weber
Aubree Hendrix	Lori Overhaug	

Happy Anniversary

Eliceo and Maria Rocha	51 Years!	1/1/1967
Alfonso and Mercedes Monroy	42 Years!	1/5/1976
Tom and Mary Stout	40 Years!	1/7/1978
Louis and Elizabeth Scaccia	37 Years!	1/3/1981
Jesus and Rosa Torres	27 Years!	1/5/1991
Jaime and Mercedes Becerra	20 Years!	1/3/1998
Dennis and Nancy Dalton	17 Years!	1/6/2001
Ruben Oropeza and Hortensia Vazquez	15 Years!	1/6/2003
Derek and Sarah Noble	4 Years!	1/4/2014
Richard and Jean Rieder	3 Years!	1/3/2015



Stewardship

"God sets a father in honor over his children; a mother's authority he confirms over her sons.

Whoever honors his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from them. When he prays, he is heard; he stores up riches who reveres his mother. Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children, and, when he prays, is heard. Whoever reveres his father will live a long life; he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother."

Sirach 3: 2-6

All of today's readings have to do with families and family life. The reading from Sirach, our First Reading, emphasized the Fourth Commandment, "Honor thy father and mother." We are commanded to respect and love our parents. However, it is a two way street. The Gospel Reading speaks of the development of Jesus, and that should inspire parents to understand that our prayers are the same as the prayers of Joseph and Mary — that our children will become strong in spirit and filled with wisdom. — See more at www.catholicsteward.com/blog/

Contributions for December 24

Due to early bulletin deadlines, the December 24th contributions will be listed in the January 7th bulletin.

Online Giving

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

Collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious

"Your generous contribution helps us to care for our retired sisters and enables our younger sisters to continue in active ministry," writes a religious sister. Your gift to today's second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders!

Christmas Poinsettia Thanks

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

Gary Palmer, The Gebauer Family, Joseph Falco, Sr., Albert and Loritta Verhulst, Walter Zmuda, Carl Parrott, James E. Ohnemus, Elwood and Teresa Link, Bob Meiron, George Pierce, Frances Storm, Albert Storm, Judy Kemper, Joe Rhodes, Marjorie Rhodes, Cristina Cornejo, Harold Brown, Ray Silvers, Casey Pointer, Henedina C. Reyes, Larry Schmidt, Nanci Smith, Frances Birkner, William P. Birkner, Jean Bidondo, Dolores Bidondo, James E. Jones, Jr., Donald Moorman, Elmer C. Parker, Deceased Members of the Ragsdale Family, Simone Clements, Roger Robert, John C. Mayabb, L. James Wolfe, Herman and Hilda Kemna, Charles Kemna, Bobbie Kemna, Karen Taylor, Harold Oliver, Dixie Oliver, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Yust, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Keith Buell, Virgil Duncney, Ed Croghan, Delores Croghan, Lillian Parker, Megan Ramos, Pamela Ramos, Barbara Burdick, Raymond P. Burns, Maria Teresa Ortega, Justin Chrane, Juan G. Gogue, Magdalena K. Gogue, Jay K. Gogue, Maria K. Gogue, Maggie K. Gogue, Ivan Dull, Felix Suwito, Bernadine and James Martin, Carol Martin, Rose Riek, Mary Czarneski, Dennis Martin, and James Martin



Thank you to all who donated to our Jesse Tree and Angel Tree this year, we were able to help all of our families and more!

Green Team Tip of the Week

Revolve rescues, refurbishes, and redistributes bicycles as the solution for healthy lifestyles, and affordable, earth-friendly transportation. <http://revolvekc.org> 816-835-3310.



Pastoral Care

Prayer Requests/Peticiones de Oración

Bill Aldridge	Steven DiGeorge	Bob Heffernan	Bella Nouryeh	Shelline Smoot	Priscilla Tristani
Dick Armstrong	Frances DiGeorge	Beth Heide	Jane Nouryeh	Charles Stinger II	Rhonda VanDyne
Marilyn Avalos	Argentina Meza	Bart Henke	Thelma Palmer	Marie Stinger	William VanDyne
Joy Banks-Wilson	Dubon	Rhonda Henke	Dee Raya	Juanita Stockton	Harvey Vice
Louise Battaglia	Carol Eckford	Pam Kelleher	Patricia Rellihan	Jim Storm	Sunny Vigil
Nikki Barrett	Brian Effertz	Donna Kozar	Clarence Reynolds	Leo Storm	Donna West
Pauline Bellm	Terry Eppert	John Lally	Helen Rush	Marge Storm	Mary Westfall
Beverly Bell	Joan Feedback	Susan Lewis	Yvonne Salmon	Mary Jane Storm	Marie Wilburn
John Bidondo	Larry Foster	Beverly Little	Doris Shields	Jean Tate	Jeannette Woolworth
Ryann Burrows	Emily Frezza	Bill Locke	Jo Ann Shrout	Ruth Tayler	Merle Woolworth
Ramon Caratachea	Dick Garnier	Debbie Locke	Lois Simpson	Angel Thomas	Carmitia Yust
Anna Clark	June Glunt	Jo Locke	Ashley Smith	Bruce Thompson	Pablo Zayas
Helen Cook	Karen Grantham	Israel Luna	Nursing Home Mass Schedule Jan 3 10:30am Beautiful Savior Jan 10 10:00am Redwood of Raymore Jan 17 10:00am Foxwood Springs		
Joseph Coots	Ginny Hailey	Bonita Mackedanz			
Bob Cummings	Laverne Harlow	Leonard Meiron			
Paul DeMar	Bonnie Haskins	Harry Muench			
Nolan Dickerson	Cherie Hatfield	Joan Muench			

Wellness Center

Did you know smart phones can “hook” users into a dependency? In a study of 1,600 managers and professionals, Harvard Business School found that:

- 70% said they check their smartphone within an hour of getting up
- 56% check their phone within an hour of going to sleep
- 48% check over the weekend, including on Friday and Saturday nights
- 51% check continuously during vacation
- 44% said they would experience "a great deal of anxiety" if they lost their phone and couldn't replace it for a week

Here are a few steps to help you set boundaries with your technology:

- 1) **Don't read emails first thing in the morning.** Begin your morning with a routine—prayer, meditation and exercise will help you prepare for the day ahead.
- 2) **Be intentional about how you use your smartphone throughout the day.** Don't let the phone's default settings which include push notifications, email pings and high-volume ring tones dictate how you live.
- 3) **Set limits on when and where you let yourself use electronic devices.** Do you really need to read emails while stopped at a red light? Do you really need to check Facebook in front of the cashier at the checkout line? A good rule of thumb might be to not use the smartphone in situations where an interaction with another human is taking place. If your 452 Facebook friends are worth checking in on, it might also be worth engaging with the person directly in front of you.
- 4) **Set a good example.** Our children are growing up at a time where the competition for attention from all these sources is increasingly going to be challenging. Unless children learn self-regulating ability, they will be living a life which is constantly reactive, always responding to something coming from the outside. Setting limits on screen time for kids applies to adults too. Parents must start by being in control.
- 5) **Track your smartphone habits.** Change can begin with keeping a record. Jot down when you start using your smartphone and when you stop for seven days. Jot what you were doing — like answering work email, checking out Facebook or playing Candy Crush five times in a row. Add up the time and divide it by seven and make a modest goal of cutting back — say 10 percent. Then track yourself again, taking care to stay under your previous daily average. Ratchet it back again if you dare.

Be mindful and present for those you love. If you're distracted by the latest email, text, tweet, Facebook update, Instagram pic, Snapchat (to name a few) your family and friends lose interest in what you are saying and stop engaging with you. Be present for the **real** people in your life!



School of Religion/Youth Ministry

Volunteer Opportunities

Uplift Org. If you would like to bring meals to the homeless on the 4th or 5th Monday of any month, contact Kirstie Roberts! This ministry is open to all parishioners age 14 and older. Volunteers must report to the Uplift Warehouse by 5pm and will be finished around 9:30pm.

Uplift Cooks! Anyone who would like to help prepare a meal for the homeless is welcome to join our team on the 4th Monday of each month at 10am in the gym. We recommend that you bring a good cutting knife, vegetable peeler and can opener. **Our next cooking date is Monday, January 22nd.**

Harvesters! This local food bank provides food to needy families around the KC area. Volunteers are needed to help sort food donations and pack weekend food bags for kids in our community. We will be taking a group of 5 people on the third Thursday of each month. **Our next date is January 18, 6-8pm.** If you would like to volunteer, call or email Kirstie in the Youth Office.

Community Meals Lord of Love Lutheran Church offers a free meal to the community each Wednesday. Every third Wednesday of the month St. Sabina volunteers help prepare, serve and clean up in an effort to work together with other Christians to carry out Christ's work. **Our next volunteer date is Jan. 17.** Contact Berenice Zayas for more information or to sign up at 816-979-3150 or berenice@stsabinaparish.org.

Youth News

Thursday Morning Donuts! Every Thursday that Belton High School is in session, Kirstie will have donuts and a little prayer for High School youth heading to school. The Youth Office doors will open at 7am for kids to stop in on their way to school.

The Next Confirmation Sponsor Night will be on January 17th, 7-8:30pm in the Parish Hall. All Confirmation Candidates (youth) and their adult Sponsor are expected to attend these meetings. If the Sponsor is unable to attend a meeting with the youth, the youth should still attend. If you are having difficulty finding a Sponsor, please contact Kirstie Roberts in the Youth Office and she will be happy to find someone for you.

PSR News

Donut Sunday! The PSR Second Grade class will be hosting Donuts in the gathering space after the 8am & 10:30am Masses on Jan 7. Please stop by their table to say hello!

Child Safety

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

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

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

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

Prayer Request from our Bishop for Dreamers

Bishop Johnston has declared that Sunday, December 31st, the Feast of the Holy Family, be a day of special prayer for the enactment of just legislation which upholds the rights of Dreamers. The Bishop has written the following in regards to the Dreamers, "These are the immigrants who were brought to our country as minors and who are now in grave danger due to the lack of legal protection. As of March 5, 2018, this class of people will no longer enjoy the safeguards offered by the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, i.e., DACA. These young people are a gift to our nation; they build up our economy through their labors; they protect our nation in the military; they worship God in our churches. While our nation has both the right and duty to foster its security through prudent immigration laws, we must not attempt to purchase safety at the cost of violating the fundamental dignity of our fellow men and women, many of whom share our faith in Christ." Please join with Bishop Johnston on December 31st to pray for all Dreamers, especially those that are our parishioners.



Reflection on the Readings



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The Sunday between Christmas and January 1 is dedicated to the Holy Family. We often imagine the Holy Family living peacefully and without conflict. But we all know from our own families that struggles and anxieties

This child is both the glory of the Jewish people, as well as the light for all the nations. They both acknowledge that this child will bring about the "redemption of Jerusalem" as well as the salvation of all people. So with them this Sunday we sing the refrain of responsorial Psalm 105, "The Lord remembers his covenant forever"

However, as Simeon understands it, this will not be an easy task. The child's presence and life will bring about tension and division. The child will challenge people to make God-choices in their lives. This kind of choosing always brings conflict. Both Mary and Joseph will feel the pain resulting from this conflict. As a family, they will face many struggles in their desire to be continually dedicated to God. Their desire for a harmonious family life will be constantly tested and challenged by the choices that their son makes, as well as by the way they and others respond to him.

continually surface, leading to tension and conflicts. This is normal in all human interactions. *What we learn today from Luke's portrayal of Mary, Joseph and Jesus, is a way of dealing with the inevitable tensions and conflicts that surface in all families.*

A key lesson that we learn from Mary and Joseph is that they are mindful of their duty to one another, to their child and to God. They are attuned to the religious duties required of them as new parents, both in securing a blessing from God and in dedicating their first-born child to God. *They are willing to do what is required so that family life with the new child in the family will have its proper orientation towards God and will operate out of God-directed values and perspectives.* Like any child, Jesus will learn from his parents what it means to be faithful to God's ways, and how to live out those values in everyday life. *As with any parent and child, the proverbial saying, "the apple doesn't fall far from the tree," also applies to Jesus.*

In their temple visit, Mary and Joseph encounter two people who have dedicated their lives to God, living as God wished.

They waited and prayed anxiously hoping that God would remember the covenant promises to send someone who would bring justice, peace and light to the Jewish people and through them to the whole world.

Both Simeon and Anna, because of their lifetime attunement to God, are able to perceive that in this child, God has kept the covenant promises.

How are families to deal with the inevitable conflicts that result from attempting to make good choices in life? The family of Mary, Joseph and Jesus provide us with some guidance along this path. *For all families, a God-direction and orientation is essential. It does not have to be perfect but it is essential. Another is constant trust and reliance on God who is faithful, keeps promises and is always life-giving, no matter how dark and deadly things may look. Finally, a life lived in reflection and prayer always helps in attuning ourselves and our families to God's ways.*

As a family, Mary, Joseph and Jesus struggled just like we do. Yet, they remained trusting, prayerful and faithful. *Ask God for help and guidance as you celebrate your family on this feast of the Holy Family.*

Biagio Mazza,
Pastoral Associate

Readings



Bible Study

Sunday, December 31

1st Reading: Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3
Psalm: Psalm 105:1-2,3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (7a, 8a)
2nd Reading: Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19
Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

Sunday, January 7

1st Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm: Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (11)
2nd Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

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 Jan. 28 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 domingo entre la Navidad y el 1 de enero está dedicado a la Sagrada Familia. Muchas veces nos imaginamos a la Sagrada Familia viviendo en paz y sin conflicto. Pero todos sabemos por nuestras propias familias que emergen dificultades y ansiedades continuamente, lo que genera tensión y conflicto. Esto es normal en todas las interacciones humanas. **Lo que aprendemos hoy de la representación según Lucas de María, José y Jesús, es una forma de lidiar con las tensiones y conflictos inevitables que surgen en todas las familias.**

Una lección clave que aprendemos de María y José es que son conscientes de su deber entre ellos, con su hijo y con Dios. Están en sintonía con los deberes religiosos que se les exige como padres nuevos, tanto para obtener una bendición de Dios como para dedicar a su primogénito a Dios. **Están dispuestos a hacer lo que se requiere para que la vida familiar con el nuevo hijo en la familia tenga su orientación adecuada hacia Dios y operará con los valores y perspectivas dirigidos por Dios.** Como cualquier niño, Jesús aprenderá de sus padres lo que significa ser fiel a los caminos de Dios y cómo vivir esos valores en la vida cotidiana. **Como con cualquier padre e hijo, el dicho proverbial "la manzana no cae lejos del árbol" también se aplica a Jesús.**

En su visita al templo, María y José se encuentran con dos personas que han dedicado sus vidas a Dios, viviendo como Dios deseaba. Esperaron y oraron ansiosamente de enviar a alguien que llevaría justicia, paz y luz al pueblo judío y, a través de ellos, al mundo entero.

Tanto Simeón como Ana, debido a su sintonía de por vida

Oración del Obispo para los Dreamers

El Obispo Santiago ha declarado el domingo 31 de diciembre del 2017 como la Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia, será un día de oración especial para la promulgación de una legislación justa que defienda los derechos de los Soñadores. El Obispo ha escrito lo siguiente con respecto a los Soñadores: "Estos son los inmigrantes que fueron traídos a nuestro país como menores y que ahora están en grave peligro debido a la falta de protección legal, a partir del 5 de marzo de 2018, ellos ya no disfrutarán de la protección que ofrece la Acción Diferida para los que llegaron siendo infantes (DACA). Estos jóvenes son un regalo para nuestra nación, construyen nuestra economía a través de sus labores, ellos protegen a nuestra nación en el ejército, ellos también alaban a Dios en nuestras iglesias; si bien nuestra nación tiene el derecho y el deber de fomentar su seguridad a través de leyes de inmigración prudentes, no debemos intentar comprar seguridad a costa de violar la dignidad fundamental de nuestros semejantes, muchos de los cuales comparten nuestra fe en Cristo". Por favor únase con el Obispo Johnston este 31 de diciembre para orar por todos los Soñadores, especialmente aquellos que son nuestros feligreses.

**Biagio Mazza,
Asociado Pastoral**

Lecturas



Lecturas del Domingo, 31 de Diciembre
Primera Lectura: Génesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3
Salmo: Salmo 105:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9
Segunda Lectura: Hebreos 11:8, 11-12, 17-19
Evangelio: Lucas 2:22-40

Lecturas del Domingo, 7 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

¿Cómo pueden lidiar las familias con los conflictos inevitables que resultan de intentar tomar buenas decisiones en la vida? La familia de María, José y Jesús nos proporciona una guía a lo largo de este camino. Para todas las familias, la dirección y orientación de Dios es esencial. No tiene que ser perfecto, pero es esencial. Otra es la confianza constante en Dios que es fiel, cumple sus promesas y siempre da vida, sin importar qué tan oscuras y mortales puedan parecer las cosas. Finalmente, una vida vivida en la reflexión y la oración siempre ayuda a sintonizarnos a nosotros mismos y a nuestras familias con los caminos de Dios.

Con Dios, son capaces de percibir que en este niño, Dios ha guardado las promesas del pacto. Este niño es tanto la gloria del pueblo judío, como la luz para todas las naciones. Ambos reconocen que este niño traerá la "redención de Jerusalén" y la salvación de todas las personas. Así que con ellos este domingo cantamos el estribillo del Salmo responsorial 105, "El Señor es nuestro Dios, se acuerda de su alianza eternamente". Sin embargo, como Simeón lo entiende, esta no será una tarea fácil. La presencia y la vida del niño provocarán tensión y división. El niño desafiara a las personas a hacer elecciones de Dios en sus vidas. Este tipo de elección siempre trae conflicto. Tanto María como José sentirán el dolor resultante de este conflicto. Como familia, enfrentarán muchas luchas en su deseo de estar continuamente dedicados a Dios. Su deseo de una vida familiar armoniosa será constantemente probado y desafiado por las elecciones que hace su hijo, así como por la forma en que ellos y otros responden a él.

Oportunidades para Voluntarios

Uplift Org. Si le gustaría traer comidas a las personas sin hogar en el 4º o 5º Lunes de cada mes, por favor, póngase en contacto con Kirstie Roberts! Este ministerio está abierto a todos los feligreses mayores de 14 años. Los voluntarios deben reportarse a la bodega de Uplift a las 5pm y se terminan a las 9:30pm.

Cocineros de Uplift! Cualquier persona que le gustaría ayudar a preparar una comida para las personas sin hogar está bienvenido a unirse a nuestro equipo en el 4º Lunes de cada mes a las 10am en el gimnasio. Le recomendamos que traiga un cuchillo y pelador de verduras buenos. El próximo día de cocinar es el 22 de enero.

Harvesters! Este banco de alimentos local proporciona alimentos a las familias necesitadas de todo el área de KC. Se necesitan voluntarios para ayudar a organizar las donaciones de alimentos y para preparar bolsas de comida para fines de semana para niños en nuestra comunidad. Vamos a llevar un grupo de 5 personas en el tercer Jueves de cada mes. Nuestra próxima fecha es el 18 de Enero de 6-8 pm. Si desea ser voluntario, llame o mande un correo electrónico a Kirstie en la Oficina de los jóvenes.

Comidas Comunitarias La Iglesia Luterana Lord of Love ofrece una comida gratis a la comunidad cada miércoles a la cual usted está invitado. Cada tercer miércoles del mes voluntarios de Sta. Sabina ayudan a preparar, servir y limpiar en un esfuerzo de trabajar junto con otros cristianos para llevar a cabo la obra de Cristo. Nuestra próxima fecha como voluntarios es el 17 de Enero. Contacte a Berenice Zayas en la oficina parroquial para más información. 816-979-3150.

Noticias Juveniles

Donas los Jueves por la Mañana! Cada martes que Belton High School tiene clases, Kirstie tendrá donas y hará oraciones con los jóvenes de High School antes de ir a la escuela. Las puertas de la Oficina de la Juventud se abrirán a las 7am para que los jóvenes pasen antes de la escuela.

La Próxima Noche de Padrinos para la Confirmación es el 17 de enero, 7-8:30pm en el Salón Parroquial. Se espera que todos los candidatos a la confirmación (jóvenes) y sus padrinos adultos asistan a estas reuniones. Si el padrino no puede asistir a una reunión con el joven, el joven todavía debe asistir. Si tienes dificultades para encontrar un padrino, póngase en contacto con Kirstie Roberts en la Oficina de la Juventud y ella estará encantada de encontrar a alguien para ti.

Seguridad Infantil

- 1) Llame a línea directa de Abuso Infantil en Missouri al 1.800.392.3738 (si la víctima tiene menos de 18 años de edad), y
- 2) Póngase en contacto con su departamento de policía local o llame al 911, y
- 3) 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, Jennifer Valenti, al 816.812.2500 o a su correo electrónico, jennifer.valenti@att.net, si el abuso implica a un sacerdote, diácono, 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 víctimas de abuso sexual y a sus familias. Por favor póngase en contacto con la Defensora de Víctimas, Kathleen Chastain al 816.392.0011 o chastain@diocesekcsj.org para mas información.

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

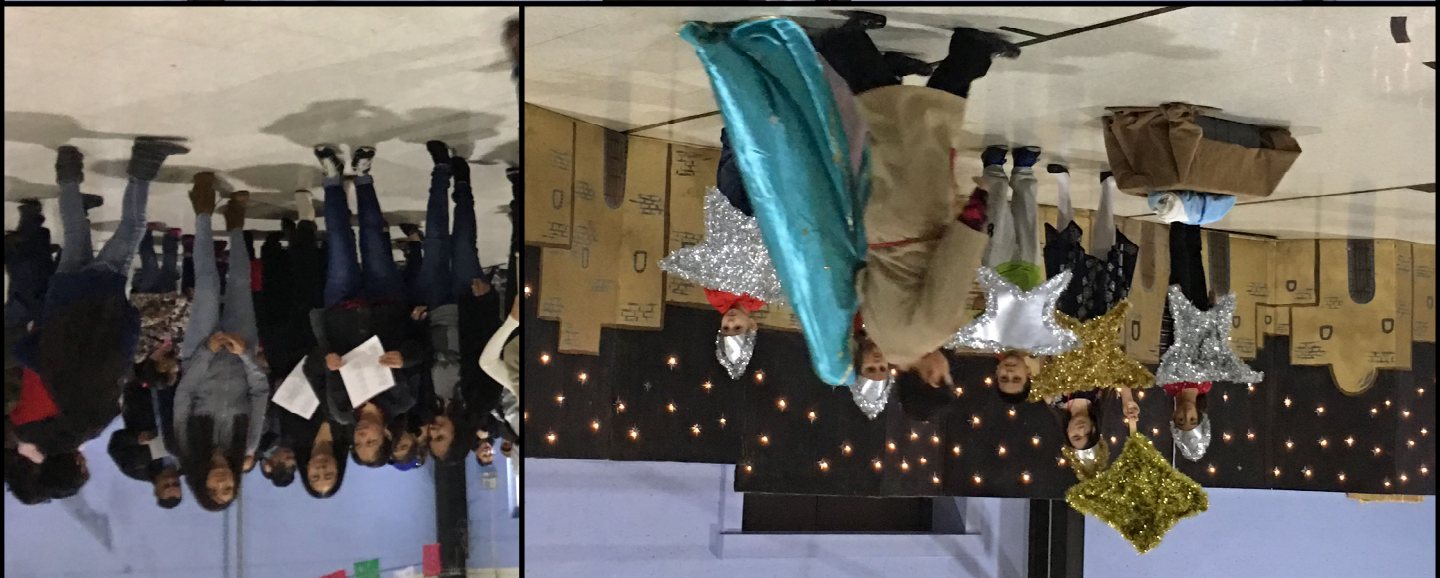
Platicas Pre-Bautismales - 13 de Enero

Normalmente cada segundo Sábado del mes de las 10 am a la 1 pm (Sólo para niños de 0-6 años.) En el salón doble del área de la escuela. Para niños mayores de 7 años requerirán una formación especial. PRÓXIMOS BAUTISMOS: llamar a Kris al 816-979-3151. Favor de llenar su aplicación para asistir a las pláticas con anterioridad.



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En esta foto aparecen los integrantes de la Pastorela Cómica el 16 de Diciembre.

Horarios de Misa

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Tres Reyes
La celebración de Tres Reyes será el domingo 7 de enero del 2018. Repartiremos dulces y cacahuates a los niños. Si desea donar dulces puede traerlos a la oficina o dejarlos en el espacio de reunión de la iglesia.

31 de Diciembre del 2017

La Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José