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



Pictured above are some of the young men in our Youth group with Father Jeff at the NCYC Conference in Indianapolis.

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

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Parish Happenings

Christmas - New Year's Mass Times

Christmas Eve, Thursday, Dec 24

- 4:00pm in English
- 7:00pm in Spanish
- 10:00pm in English

Christmas Day, Wednesday, Dec 25

- 10:00am in English

New Year's Eve, Thursday, 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

Guadalupe Novena

All are invited to come and pray the rosary during our Guadalupe Novenario at 7pm each night (except December 8th) beginning December 3 and ending on December 11th in the church. Please note that on December 8th we will pray the rosary at 8pm, after the Holy Day Mass. Please note that this will be in Spanish, but all are welcome to attend.

Our Lady of Guadalupe - Dec 12

All are invited to our annual parish celebration in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe. This year's celebration will be held on Saturday, December 12th. At 7pm we will present a play reenacting the apparition of Our Lady to Juan Diego. At 7:45pm our Matachines group will dance in prayer and homage to our Lady of Guadalupe. Mass will begin at 8pm. Please note that we will be using the readings for the third Sunday of Advent at this Mass. The Mass will be in Spanish, but we will have programs with English translations of the readings available. All are welcome to attend.

Las Posadas - December 20 -

1:30pm All parishioners are invited to our annual celebration of Las Posadas on Sunday, December 20th after the 12:30 Mass. The children of our Hispanic Community will entertain us with a Christmas play and we will also reenact the journey of Joseph and Mary as they search for shelter in Bethlehem. Bring a dish to share, come and enjoy

tamales, piñatas, music, and the wonderful tradition of Las Posadas.

Over 55 Christmas Party

Our Over 55 Christmas lunch and party will be held on Thursday, December 17th. More details to come in next week's bulletin.

Stuff the Turkey Report

A BIG THANK YOU to all of our parishioners who contributed to the Parents Lounge "Stuff The Turkey" event.

Thanks to your generous donations we provided Thanksgiving dinners to eight of our parish families!! Dinners included a turkey and all the "fixings". We were able to also include a small HyVee gift certificate for that "special dessert". Also, a thank you to the staff at HyVee who provided a special discount for the event.

As a reminder we hope to see more parents at our next meeting. Come and learn what's next for our Parents Lounge group at 9:00 am on Sunday, December 6.

Diocesan Raffle for Image of Guadalupe

The Diocesan Youth Office is conducting a raffle for a beautiful image of Guadalupe. Each raffle ticket is \$2.00. Please call Kris in the parish office to purchase a ticket. All proceeds enable the diocese to help send Hispanic young adults to the March for Life Pilgrimage in Washington DC in January 2106. The drawing will be held on Sunday, December 20th at 2:30pm at Holy Cross Church. You do not need to be present to win.

Parish Raffle for 50" Magnavox Television

Our Romero Committee is conducting a raffle for a 50" Magnavox television. We will draw the winning ticket at the 12:30 Mass on Sun-

Thanks from Don Hemmen and family

On behalf of my family, I would like to thank the parishioners of St. Sabina for your kindness and compassion that you expressed to us during Ella's illness and passing. Ella truly loved St. Sabina Parish and its people. All your acts of kindness are deeply appreciated. Thank you all.

-Don Hemmen

day, December 20th. To purchase a ticket, please contact Kris in the parish office. You do not need to be present to win. All proceeds go towards our 2016 Romero celebration.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception Holy Day Mass - Dec. 8

Our holy day Mass will take place on Tuesday, December 8th. We will have a Mass at 8am in English and at 7pm it will be bilingual.

Year of Mercy

To open this Jubilee Year of Mercy, a special Mass will be celebrated at 6:00 p.m. on December 8th at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Kansas City. This will be the official opening of the Jubilee Year for the Diocese. Everyone is invited.



Pictured above are some of the parents who are part of our new Parent Support Group. Thanks to their coordination and your donations, 8 parish families benefited from our "Stuff the Turkey" drive.

Stewardship of Treasure - November 22

Envelopes/Sobres:	\$12,557.54
Plate/Canasta:	\$ 922.11
Maintenance-Upkeep:	\$ 258.50
Tomorrow's Priests:	\$ 842.00

Stewardship of Treasure - November 29

Envelopes/Sobres:	\$9,238.60
Plate/Canasta:	\$ 959.12
Maintenance-Upkeep:	\$ 35.00
Thanksgiving:	\$ 882.00

“And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.”

Philippians 1: 9-11

That prayer is a succinct way of reminding us what we should be doing as part of our Advent preparations. We should be making a concerted effort to love; that we need to increase both our knowledge and our perception of what it means to be a good Catholic, a good steward, a disciple; that we must sort out what is really of value - that can be a challenge in a world where Christmas is so commercialized and the emphasis seems to be placed more on glitz than on faith; and that we should be striving for “righteousness” as we prepare for not just the birth of Christ, but the final coming of the Lord as well. - See more at www.catholicsteward.com/blog/

Stewardship of Treasure: Jesse Tree Collection

Next weekend we continue with our Jesse Tree collections, collecting non-perishable food. The donations will be given to families that are struggling this Christmas in our parish family and local community. Please bring your donations to Mass next weekend, where they can be placed under the Jesse Tree.

Thank you to all who brought in hats, gloves, scarves, etc. this week!

Calendar

Sunday, December 6 - Domingo, 6 de Diciembre

Kids Liturgy

9:00am Parents Lounge

9:00am PSR

11:00am Escuela de Religion

1:30pm Ensayo de la Obra de la Virgen de Guadalupe

7:00pm Guadalupe Novena

7:00pm Confirmation & High School Youth

Monday, December 7 - Lunes, 7 de Diciembre

5:30pm Marian Prayer Group

6:00pm Cub Scouts

7:00pm Boy Scouts - Gym

7:00pm Guadalupe Novena

8:00pm Ensayo de la Obra de la Virgen de Guadalupe

Tuesday, December 8 - Martes, 8 de Diciembre

Immaculate Conception

8:00am Holy Day Mass

4:30pm Confessions

6:00pm Girl Scouts

7:00pm Foundations for Living Stones

7:00pm Holy Day Mass (Bilingual)

7:00pm Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary

8:00pm Guadalupe Novena

8:30pm Ensayo de la Obra de la Virgen de Guadalupe

Wednesday, December 9 - Miércoles, 9 de Diciembre

9:00am Legion of Mary

10:00am Mass at Rehabilitation Center of Raymore

6:30pm Christmas Choir Practice

7:00pm Advocacy Team

7:00pm Confirmation Sponsor Night

7:00pm Guadalupe Novena

7:00pm Choir Practice (10:30am Choir)

7:00pm Ensayo de Matachines

Thursday, December 10 - Jueves, 10 de Diciembre

9:30am Quilters

6:30pm Cub Scouts Committee Meeting

7:00pm RCIA/RICA

7:00pm Guadalupe Novena

Friday, December 11 - Viernes, 11 de Diciembre

7:00pm Guadalupe Novena

8:00pm Ensayo de la Obra de la Virgen de Guadalupe

Saturday, December 12 - Sábado, 12 de Diciembre

3:00pm Confessions

4:00pm Mass

7:00pm Obra de Guadalupe/Guadalupe Play

7:45pm Matachines Dancers

8:00pm Guadalupe Mass

Sunday, December 13 - Domingo, 13 de Diciembre

1:30pm Decorating Church for Christmas

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Intentions for December 7-11, 2015

Mon. 8am †Mary Adams

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Tues. 8am †Jim & Vera Hamburg
7pm †George Bleier & his deceased family

Wed. 8am †Janet Bremer
10am †Dorothy Guetterman (Rehabilitation Center of Raymore)

Thurs. 8am †Robert J. Lewis

Friday 8am †Jennie Doran

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Saturday 8pm †Brianna Franco

Saturday, December 12, 2015

4:00pm †Walter Griffith

Sunday, December 13, 2015

8:00am †Terri Imming

10:30am †Ella Hemmen

12:30pm Spanish Intenciones de las Familias Parroquiales
Intenciones de Nubia Caceres

Nursing Home Mass Schedule

Dec 9 10:00am Rehabilitation of Raymore

Dec 16 10:00am Foxwood Springs

Dec 23 11:00am Carnegie Village

Dec 30 8:00am St. Sabina Parish

Pastoral Care

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

† Al Hoffman, brother-in-law of Al Gebauer

† Wilma Tippet, Carnegie Village

† Dorothy Guetterman, Rehabilitation of Raymore

† Jennie Doran, mother of Mary Stang and Jean Heavey

† Mary Adams, aunt of Charlene McGuire

† Janet Bremer, aunt of Tracy Wheeler

† Ed Hogan, Foxwood Springs

Prayer Requests Peticiones de Oración

Peg Agnew	Butch Ford	Chuck Ramsey
Dick Anthony	Dick Garnier	Mary Renfro
Kelly Anthony	Laverne Harlow	Marjorie Rhodes
Pauline Bellm	Cherie Hatfield	Austin Richards
Sheryll Bentley	Bart Henke	Larry Schmidt
John Bidondo	Mary Ellen Hermann	Patricia Smith
Allie Biondo	Richard Hoedl	Joe Stanley
Nicky Biondo	Kelly Jordon	Noah Stanley
Richard Borris	Kelsey Krum	Teresa Starks
Gretchen Butler	Don Kueck	Bill Sullivan
Chlorine Bunch	Vernita Linenberger	Jean Tate
Georgene Caoile	Beverly Little	Bob Westfall
Marvin Cohen	Jo Locke	Mary Westfall
Joseph Coots	Gloria McLaughlin	Carmitia Yust
Tyler Corlew	Helen Muenks	Berenice Zayas
Donna Dailey	Jerry Nowak	Pablo Zayas
Margaret Dellaguardia	Gary Palmer	
Margo Dellaguardia	Thelma Palmer	
Paul DeMar	George Panebianco	
Frances DiGeorge	Leanna Peachey	
Sheila Donner	Joni Peel	
Heather Dull	Melinda Pickens	
Richard Estes	Brent Praiswater	

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.

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 December 6th!

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, December 6th at the 10:30am Mass. Please contact Kirstie Roberts if your child would like

to sign up for this ministry.

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.

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).

Youth Ministry

Confirmation Sponsor

Night Your next meeting will be December 9th in the Parish Hall from 7-8:30pm. If your sponsor is unable to attend the meeting, you must still be present. If you need help finding a sponsor, please call Kirstie in the Youth Office.

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 will be Thursday, December 17th from 6-8pm.

Stuffing stockings for the homeless On December 6th we will be stuffing stockings

for the homeless. Please bring supplies for their stockings such as non perishable snacks, travel size toiletries, hand and foot warmers and anything else you think would be a great gift for someone surviving outdoors. Socks, gloves and hats will be provided by our parish community through the Jesse Tree.

Jr. High Youth: Christmas lights at Longview Lake

On December 16th we are heading out to Longview Lake to see the Christmas lights. Everyone will need a permission slip which will be handed out in class and available on the website. Parent drivers are also needed. Please contact Kirstie Roberts if you can help drive. Youth are asked to bring a snack to share with their car buddies and a travel mug if they want hot cocoa for the ride. This meeting will go until 9pm.

NCYC Indianapolis 2015



Junior High Youth!

Our next meetings will be December 16th and January 6th, from 7-8:30pm in the Parish Hall.

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 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.

Wellness Center

Test your nutrition IQ

From the vending machine:

- A. Popcorn
- B. Honey-roasted peanuts
- C. Gummy fruit snacks

Peanuts offer the most nutritional bang per bite. "They may be higher in calories, but they're also packed with protein, minerals, fiber, and healthy mono- and polyunsaturated fats," says Susan Kleiner, PhD, registered dietitian and author of *Power Eating*. Popcorn is high in fiber but contains little protein. And fruit snacks: "Nobody should pretend that's real fruit," says Kleiner, "It's candy."

Answer: B

At the salad bar:

- A. Hard-boiled egg
- B. Sunflower seeds
- C. Olives

A handful of sunflower seeds provides a healthy dose of vitamin E, but the egg is

the better bet. "We can get E from many sources," says Kleiner. "But egg yolks are the richest source of the nutrient choline, and animal studies suggest it plays a role in improving memory." One large egg contains nearly 30 percent of a woman's daily recommended intake of choline. As for the briny olives, the high sodium content is their tragic flaw: You can consume 20 percent of your daily limit with just seven olives.

Answer: A

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 ReFit 5 - 6pm
Friday:	Yoga Basics 1 - 2pm Gentle Yoga 2 - 3pm Boxing Beats 5 - 6pm
Saturday:	Open Workout 8:30 - 10am ReFit Cardio Class 10 - 11am



Area Information

Diocesan healing prayer services

The diocese continues to reach out to those impacted by abuse by offering healing services. The next services will be held at St. Mary Parish on Sunday December 6th at 4:00 p.m., 1606 N 2nd Street in St. Joseph, MO and St. Anthony Parish on Monday January 11th at 7:00 p.m., 318 Benton Blvd, KC.

Job Opening: Director of Stewardship and Development

The Diocese of Kansas City – St. Joseph is searching for a Director of Stewardship and Development. This full-time position will direct and implement a comprehensive program, including stewardship education on time, talent, treasure; the annual Bishop's appeal; annual fundraising activities, the coordination of special events, and long-term development efforts such as support of the Catholic Community Foundation, estate planning and corporate donor programs. The position is eligible for benefits, paid time off, and two retirement plans. Please visit Job Opportunities at www.diocese-kcsj.org for a complete job description or to apply.

Advent Penance Service

Our Advent Penance Service will be held on Tuesday, December 15 at 7:00pm. Other area penance services are at the following locations, also at 7:00pm:

Monday, Dec. 14 St. Regis

Tuesday, Dec. 15 St. Sabina

Wednesday, Dec. 16 St. Catherine

Thursday, Dec. 17 St. Bernadette

Service to remember churchwomen killed in El Salvador

Join us in prayer, song and reflection remembering the four US Churchwomen martyred in El Salvador. We have invited Marie Dennis, co president of Pax Christi International, to share perspectives from her lifelong work for peace around the globe.

- Date: Sunday, Dec. 6, 2:00 PM
- Location: St Teresa's Academy, Windmoor Center
5600 Main, Kansas City, MO
- Parking and entrance off 57th and Main
- Reception will follow

- Sponsored by: Kansas City Sister Parishes with El Salvador Communities, Religious Sisters' Communities

Cass County Public Library - Northern Resource Center Christmas Posada (Belton Library)

The Northern Resource Center and the Consulate of Mexico in Kansas City invite you and your family to participate in the Posada that will take place on Monday, December 14th from 5:00-7:00pm. The Northern Resource Center is located at 164 Cedar Tree Sq. Belton, MO.

There will be music, food, surprises and lots of fun. We look forward to seeing you there.

Reflection on the First Sunday of Advent, Year C

Compassion, healing and liberation are necessary components in our journey to fullness of life. Our God is a God who activates these very realities, simply because the very essence of our God is one who heals, liberates, sets free, and continually brings about new life and meaning.

The readings on this second Sunday of Advent speak of these realities in the lives of those who have gone before us in faith, as well as in our lives today as people of faith. These realities are also the core message of the feast honoring La Morenita del Tepayc, Our Lady of Guadalupe, which we celebrate this coming December 12. Our parish community does an excellent job in celebrating this important feast of the patron saint of the Americas. Take time to participate in the festivities and learn the lesson that Our Lady of Guadalupe can teach all of us.

The first reading from Baruch for this Sunday presents a glorious vision of Jerusalem. Baruch consoles God's people as they encounter life's various challenges. "Take off your robe of mourning...put on the splendor of glory from God..." By rejecting sinfulness and putting on the "cloak of justice," the people activate compassion and healing. For this, they will be named "by God forever the peace of justice, the glory of God's worship."

Reflective of John the Baptist's message in the gospel reading, God takes the lead in leveling mountains and making valleys smooth so that the people can journey secure in the Lord. Baruch counsels a life style in which God takes the lead, allowing God's mercy and justice to become our lifetime companions.

Paul's letter to the Philippians challenges us to "discern what is of value" by taking on the mind and heart of Christ. Only in so doing can we properly discern what is of value, allowing love to color and dominate all our knowledge and actions. Such

a life style enables us to be "filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ..." Filled with such fruit, our lives radiate God's compassion, healing, and liberation.

Luke's gospel presents us with the ordinary setting of time and space, in which God's light and justice break forth. By mentioning Roman political rulers along with Jewish political and religious authorities, Luke symbolically presents Jesus as the universal savior of all, Jew and Gentile alike. John the Baptist announces that God's universal saving light is made manifest in Jesus. John prepares us for the breaking forth of God's saving light by preaching repentance that leads to lives of justice.

Justice, when truly activated, demands that all be treated with dignity and respect, leading to healing of wounds and divisions, thus making all things new. This Advent journey is no easy pilgrimage. With God's help we are to prepare the way of the Lord by leveling mountains and filling in valleys. In so doing, we make God present in our own lives and in the lives of all we encounter. Advent then becomes a true preparation for the breaking forth of God's saving light manifested in the presence of Jesus among us.

This Sunday, we are invited to acclaim the refrain of responsorial Psalm 126, "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy." Let us reflect on the great things that God has done for us by committing ourselves to lives of justice and compassion.

This week, take time to consider how you work at leveling mountains and filling in valleys so that all can experience the glory, love and compassion of the Lord. As we continue our Advent journey, reflect on how you can be a source

Readings

Sunday, December 6, 2015

1st Reading: Baruch 5:1-9
Psalm: Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6
2nd Reading: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11
Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

Sunday, December 13, 2015

1st Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18a
Psalm: Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6
2nd Reading: Philippians 4:4-7
Gospel: Luke 3:10-18



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 December 6th and 20th at 10:30am.** All are welcome. Bring a Bible and a friend. To register for these sessions, please call Biagio at 816-979-3153.

of compassion, healing and liberation both to yourself and to all of God's people.

Biagio Mazza,
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happy birthday

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Baptism Congratulations

Jayden Antonio Guillermo and Julian Alberto Guillermo, children of Alfredo and Ashlie Hernandez.
Karson Raymond Ervin, son of Kyle and Erin Ervin

Wedding Congratulations

Congratulations to **Darek Harper and Samantha Hirt** who were married on December 3rd!

Congratulations to **Alejandro Corchado and Eva Figueroa** who celebrated their wedding on December 5th!

Happy Anniversary

Mark & Melissa Adams	13 Years!	12/09/2002
Jose & Jessi Peralez	20 Years!	12/01/1995
Ken & Teresa McDonald	31 Years!	12/07/1984
Greg & Carol Mull	38 Years!	12/09/1977
Bill & Sheila Birkner	38 Years!	12/10/1977
Sherman & Leona Ragsdale	52 Years!	12/07/1963
Bob & Judy McDonald	55 Years!	12/10/1960
Martin & Zoraida Alicea	56 Years!	12/12/1959



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Reflexión sobre el Segundo Domingo de Adviento, Ciclo C

La compasión, sanación y la liberación son componentes necesarios en nuestro camino a la plenitud de la vida. Nuestro Dios es un Dios quien activa estas realidades, simplemente porque la esencia misma de nuestro Dios es una que sana, libera, y continuamente trae nueva vida y le da significado.

Las lecturas de este segundo Domingo de Adviento nos hablan de estas realidades en las vidas de personas que vivieron antes que nosotros en la fe, y también de personas en nuestras vidas hoy que viven como personas de fe. Estas realidades son la esencia del mensaje de la fiesta en honor a La Morenita del Tepeyac, que celebramos el 12 de Diciembre. Nuestra parroquia hace un excelente trabajo en la celebración de esta importante fiesta de la patrona de las Américas. Tómense el tiempo para participar en las festividades y para aprender la lección que la Virgen de Guadalupe nos puede enseñar a todos nosotros.

La primera lectura de este domingo es en Baruch, y presenta una visión gloriosa de Jerusalén. Baruch consuela al pueblo de Dios mientras se encuentran en diversos desafíos de la vida. “Despójate de tus vestidos de luto y aflicción, y vístete para siempre con el esplendor de la gloria que Dios te da...” Al rechazar el pecado y envolverse en el “manto de la justicia,” el pueblo activa la compasión y la curación. Por esto, ellos serán nombrados por Dios la “paz en la justicia y gloria en la piedad.”

Reflexivo del mensaje de Juan el Bautista en la lectura del Evangelio de hoy, Dios toma la iniciativa en la nivelación de las montañas y haciendo valles suaves para que la gente pueda viajar seguro en El Señor. Baruch aconseja un estilo de

vida en el que Dios toma la iniciativa, lo que permite la misericordia y la justicia de Dios se convierten en nuestros compañeros de toda la vida.

La carta de Pablo a los Filipenses nos desafía a “discernir lo que es de valor” al asumir la mente y el corazón de Cristo. Solo de este modo podemos correctamente discernir lo que es de valor, permitiéndole al amor dominar nuestros conocimientos y acciones. Tal estilo de vida nos permite estar “llenos de dicho fruto, nuestras vidas irradian compasión, sanación y liberación de Dios.

El evangelio de Lucas nos presenta con el ajuste normal del tiempo y el espacio, en el que la luz y la justicia establecen descanso de Dios. Al mencionar los gobernantes políticos romanos, junto con las autoridades políticas y religiosas judías, Lucas presenta simbólicamente a Jesús como el salvador universal de todos, judíos y gentiles por igual. Juan el bautista anuncia que la luz salvadora universal de Dios se manifiesta en Jesús. Juan nos prepara para la irrupción de la luz salvadora de Dios predicando el arrepentimiento que nos lleva a la vida de la justicia.

La Justicia, cuando se activa realmente, exige que todos sean tratados con dignidad y respeto, lo que lleva a la curación de las heridas y divisiones, así haciendo nuevas todas las cosas. Este viaje de Adviento no es una peregrinación fácil. Con la ayuda de Dios vamos a preparar el camino de Señor nivelando montañas y rellenando valles. Al hacer esto, hacemos presente a Dios en nuestras propias vidas y en las vidas de todos con los que nos

encontramos. Entonces el Adviento se convierte en la verdadera preparación para la irrupción de la luz salvadora de Dios manifestada en la presencia de Jesús entre nosotros.

Este domingo, se nos invita a aclamar el estribillo del Salmo responsorial 126: “Grandes cosas ha hecho por nosotros el Señor; estamos llenos de alegría.” Reflexionemos sobre las grandes cosas que Dios ha hecho por nosotros al comprometernos a vivir en la justicia y la compasión.

Esta semana, tome tiempo para considerar como usted trabaja en la nivelación de las montañas y llenando los valles para que todos puedan experimentar la gloria, el amor, y la compasión del Señor. Mientras continuamos nuestro viaje de Adviento, reflexionen sobre cómo puede usted ser una fuente de la compasión, la curación y de la liberación tanto como para usted mismo y para todo el pueblo de Dios.



Lecturas

Lecturas del Domingo, 6 de Diciembre

Primera Lectura: Baruch 5:1-9

Salmo: Salmo 125:1-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6

Segunda Lectura: Filipenses 1:4-6, 8-11

Evangelio: Lucas 3:4-6

Lecturas del Domingo, 13 de Diciembre

Primera Lectura: Sofonías 3:14-18

Salmo: Isaías 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6

Segunda Lectura: Filipenses 4:4-7

Evangelio: Lucas 3:10-18



Escuela de Religión

No habrá clases de Religión para los niños los domingos 13, 20, 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 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.

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)



En esta foto aparecen nuestros jóvenes ya listos para su viaje a Indianápolis para la Conferencia de Jóvenes Católicos en Noviembre.

Ministerio Juvenil

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, 16 de Diciembre y el 6 de Enero de 7-8:30pm.

Noche de Padrinos de Confirmación

Su primer noche de Padrinos de Confirmación será el Miércoles, 9 de Diciembre 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.

Luces Navideñas en Longview Lake

El 16 de Diciembre nuestros jóvenes de Junior High tomaran un paseo a ver las luces navideñas en Longview Lake. Todos los jóvenes que deseen ir necesitaran una forma de permiso firmada por sus padres, estas formas se repartirán durante nuestra reunión y también están disponibles en nuestra pagina web. Por favor comuníquese con Kirstie si usted podría ayudar ese día a manejar. Se les pide a los jóvenes que traigan algún bocadillo para compartir con sus amigos en el carro, y una taza de viaje si quieren chocolate caliente para el paseo. Esta reunión durara hasta las 9pm.

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

Posada Navideña en la Biblioteca Publica de Cass County en Belton, MO

La biblioteca publica de Cass County y el Centro de Recursos del Norte, y el Consulado de México en Kansas City les invitan a usted y a su familia a participar en las Posadas que se llevara a cabo el Lunes, 14 de Diciembre de 5:00-7:00pm. El Centro de Recursos del Norte esta ubicado en 164 Cedar Tree Sq. Belton, MO.

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canto y reflexión para recordar a las 4 mujeres de la Iglesia Americanas quienes fueron martirizadas en El Salvador. Hemos invitado a Marie Dennis, co-presidenta de Pax Christi International, para compartir su punto de vista de su trabajo de toda la vida trabajando por la paz en el mundo entero. Se llevara a cabo el Domingo, 6 de Diciembre a las 2pm en St. Teresa's Academy, Windmoor Center 5600 Main, Kansas City, MO. El estacionamiento y la entrada esta en el lado de la Calle 57 y la Main. Después habra una recepción. Este evento es patrocinado por las Iglesias Hermanas de Kansas City con las Comunidades de El

Salvador, Comunidades de Hermanas Religiosas.

Rifa Diocesana de Imágenes de la Virgen de Guadalupe

La Oficina de Jóvenes Diocesana estará rifando una hermosa imagen de la Virgen de Guadalupe. Cada ticket de rifa costara \$2.00. Por favor llámele a Kris al 816-979-3151 para comprar su ticket de rifa. Todos los fondos recaudados serán para que la Diócesis pueda ayudar a mandar jóvenes Hispanos a la Marcha de Peregrinación de Vida en Washington, DC en Enero del 2016. La rifa se llevara a cabo el Domingo, 20 de Diciembre a las 2:30 en la Iglesia Holy Cross. No necesita estar presente para ganar.

Corresponsabilidad

Tesoro:

Colecta del Árbol de Jesé

La próxima semana continuamos con las colectas del Árbol de Jesé, recaudando comida enlatada. Las donaciones se regalarán a las familias necesitadas esta Navidad en nuestra familia parroquial y comunidad local. Por favor traigan sus donaciones a la Misa la semana que viene, donde podrá poner sus donaciones debajo del Árbol de Jesé.

Gracias a todos quienes trajeron juguetes y regalos para los adolescentes esta semana!

Fotos de nuestro grupo de RICA/RCIA



Información Parroquial

2016 Delegación a El Salvador

Nuestra parroquia llevara a su segunda delegación a El Salvador para aprender mas sobre el programa de becas allí y para tener la oportunidad de conocer a nuestro estudiantes becados y a sus familias. Viajaremos a Cinquera y a El

Mozote. El pueblo de Mozote fue uno de los muchos donde ocurrieron masacres durante la Guerra Civil en El Salvador. Por ahora, planeamos viajar a El Salvador el 5 de Enero y quedarnos aproximadamente 8 días.

Las Posadas - 20 de Dic - 1:30pm

La Parroquia les invita a nuestra Posada Navideña el Domingo, 20 de Diciembre. Los niños de la parroquia nos entretendrán con una obra de Navidad y vamos a volver a representar el viaje de José y María en su búsqueda de refugio en Belén. Por favor traiga a sus niños y un platillo para compartir. Venga y disfrute de piñatas, música, y la maravillosa tradición de Las Posadas. Para más detalles e información, por favor comuníquese con Kris en la oficina al 816-979-3151.

Novenario de Guadalupe

Todos están invitados a acompañarnos a rezar el rosario durante nuestro Novenario de Guadalupe a las 7pm cada noche (con excepción el 8 de Diciembre) comenzando el 3 de Diciembre y terminando el 11 de Diciembre en la Iglesia. Por favor tenga en cuenta que le 8 de Diciembre el rosario se rezara a las 8pm, después de la Misa del Día Santo.

Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe - 12 de Diciembre

Todos están cordialmente invitados a nuestra celebración anual en honor a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. Este año nuestra celebración se llevara a cabo el Sábado, 12 de Diciembre. A las 7pm, tendremos una obra de teatro

recreando la aparición de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. A las 7:45pm nuestro grupo de matachines bailara en oración y homenaje a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. La Misa comenzara a las 8pm. Por favor anoten que ese día usaremos las lecturas del

Confesiones los Martes
Ofrecemos confesiones los Martes por la tarde de las 4:30-5:30pm.

Tercer Domingo de Adviento. La Misa será en español pero tendremos programas disponibles en Ingles. Todos están bienvenidos a asistir.

Servicio de Penitencia de Adviento

Nuestro Servicio de Penitencia de Adviento se llevara acabo el Martes, 15 de Diciembre a las 7:00pm. También habrán otros Servicios de Penitencia en el área, en las locaciones y fechas que siguen, también a las 7:00pm.

Lunes, 14 de Dic	St. Regis
Martes, 15 de Dic	St. Sabina
Miércoles, 16 de Dic	St. Catherine
Jueves, 14 de Dic	St. Bernadette

Horarios de Misa de Navidad y de Año Nuevo

Nuestros horarios de Misas para Navidad son los siguientes:

Nochebuena, Jueves, 24 de Diciembre

4:00pm en Ingles
7:00pm en Español
10:00pm en Ingles

Navidad, Viernes, 25 de Diciembre

10:00am en Ingles

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

Refrigerio de Guadalupe

Si usted quiere ayudar para el refrigerio de nuestra celebración a la Virgen de Guadalupe, puede hacerlo, estaremos recibiendo pan dulce,

galletas o chocolate para mayor información por favor comuníquese con Kris en la oficina Parroquial al 816-979-3151. Gracias. Favor de traer sus donaciones el 6 de Diciembre a la Misa de ese día.

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Platicas

Platicas Pre-bautismales - Canceladas el mes de Diciembre.

Las platicas pre-bautismales programadas para el 12 de Diciembre han sido canceladas debido a las preparaciones del día de la Virgen de Guadalupe. Las próximas clases serán el Sábado, 9 de Enero del 2016.

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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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