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John Walters, Quin Henry, Jim Agnew, Peg Agnew, Sandy Littler, Guy Barnes and Tammy Barnes enjoy dinner and a show at the New Theatre on January 30, when our Over 55 group went.

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

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Intentions for February 17-21, 2020

Mon.	8am	Communion Service
Tues.	11am	†John P. Ryan, Sr.
Wed.	10am	†Cecilia Imming (Foxwood Springs)
Thurs.	8am	†Dayton Rex Wilks
Fri.	8am	†Jerrie Holden

Saturday, February 22, 2020

4:00pm †George Bremer

Sunday, February 23, 2020

8:00am	†Millie Billesbach
	†David Honigman
10:30am	†Fr. Evan Harkins
12:30pm Spanish	†Elias Meza Dubon †Alejandro Chavez

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

†**Fr. Evan Harkins**, Diocese of Kansas City - St. Joseph

†**Dayton Rex Wilks**, dear friend of Reba Lancaster

†**Larry Roper**, brother of Ron Roper



Calendar/Lenten Information

Sunday, February 16 - Domingo, 16 de Febrero

Search Retreat

- 9:00am PSR/Parents Lounge
11:00am Ensayo del Coro Hispano
11:00am Escuela de Religión/Piñatas

Monday, February 17 - Lunes, 17 de Febrero

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

Tuesday, February 18 - Martes, 18 de Febrero

- 7:00pm Living Stones
7:00pm Retiro de Evangelización

Wednesday, February 19 - Miércoles, 19 de Febrero

- 9:00am Legion of Mary
10:00am Mass at Foxwood Springs
6:30pm St. Joseph Table Meeting
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (4:00 and 10:30 groups)
7:00pm Junior High Youth Group
7:00pm Knights Officers Meeting
7:00pm Prayer and Life Workshop

Thursday, February 20 - Jueves, 20 de Febrero

- 6:45am High School Youth Donuts and Prayer
9:30am Piecemakers Quilt Group
7:00pm RCIA/RICA

Friday, February 21 - Viernes, 21 de Febrero

No Scheduled Events

Saturday, February 22 - Sábado, 22 de Febrero

- 3:00pm Confessions
9:00pm Junior High Lock In

Sunday, February 23 - Domingo, 23 de Febrero

- Elda's Compassion First Communion Boutique
9:00am PSR/Parents Lounge
10:30am Bible Study
11:00am Ensayo del Coro Hispano
11:00am Escuela de Religión/Piñatas

Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross are a Catholic devotion that commemorates Jesus Christ's last day on Earth as a man. The 14 devotions, or stations, focus on specific events of His last day, beginning with His condemnation. The stations are commonly used as a mini pilgrimage as we move from station to station. At each station, we recall and meditate on a specific event from Christ's last day. Prayers are recited, and then we move to the next station until all 14 are complete.

You will see the images of Stations of the Cross located around the back walls of our sanctuary. We will pray the Stations of the Cross each Friday in Lent on February 28, March 6,

13, 20, & 22 at 6:30 PM in English and 7:00 PM in Spanish. This devotion is a great way to connect with the passion of Christ and meditate on the gift of salvation won for us through his suffering. Plan to join us for stations after you enjoy the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry on Fridays this Lent.



Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule

Wednesday, February 26, 8am in English
Wednesday, February 26, 7pm—bilingual

Fish Fries

Our Knights of Columbus are once again hosting fish fries on Fridays, 5-7pm, during Lent. Menu will include: fried fish, lemon butter baked fish, Cajun baked fish, hush puppies, green beans, garlic potatoes, French fries, coleslaw, meatless spaghetti, bread, and a dessert table.

Prices: Adults \$11, Seniors \$10, Children \$6, Family \$36.

\$1 off a meal if 5 or more canned food items are donated.



Information

This Week's Do You Know Video:

As we continue our series on what it means to be "catholic", we examine why having a catholic worldview and perspective



demands that we develop a universal vision. *Katholikos*, the Greek word origin of "catholic" means universal and inclusive of all, understood as a key quality of all Christians. Today, Christianity is a worldwide faith and its vision is still universal, still catholic. Because Christians are catholic we need to develop a worldwide universal vision that regards everyone in the world as our neighbor, striving always to meet the needs of all God's people. Aware of our Christian global responsibility, we work at breaking down national, political and ethnic boundaries, seeing the unity of all in Christ. A catholic Christian universal vision is essentially non-violent, always working toward harmony and not tension, cooperation and not competition, respect and dialogue and not suspicion and avoidance. Make time to view this week's DYK video and see why being a catholic Christian demands developing a universal vision.

St. Joseph's Table Volunteers to help plan and prepare this annual feast are invited to contact Kirstie Roberts in the Youth Office. We will have an open planning meeting on Wednesday, February 19th at 6:30pm in the Conference Room. Please bring a notebook and your favorite St. Joseph Table memory!

Parents Lounge

The Parents Lounge would like to welcome you and hope you can join us on Sundays at 9am, during the PSR hour in the education wing. It is a great opportunity to meet other parents and families of the parish. This ministry is just a few years old, but is slowly growing with new members, and we look forward to seeing where God leads us as a group this year.

Parents Lounge at St. Sabina is where we just gather together and talk. In past years we have had planned topics for discussion on occasion, but typically it is just informal discussion on anything from parenting subjects, kids' school events, vacation destinations, family events, local activities, etc. There is no long term commitment. Parents Lounge is a come as you want type meeting. Different events we have been involved in are: Trunk or Treat, Stuff the Turkey, family oriented Stations of the Cross during Lent, and summer activities such as bowling. Don't have any kids in PSR yet?? That's okay! Younger children are welcome to come. We have some toys and coloring books for the children to play together. Feel free to contact Anita Frey with questions. 816-804-3127 or afreyhome@sbcglobal.net.

happy birthday

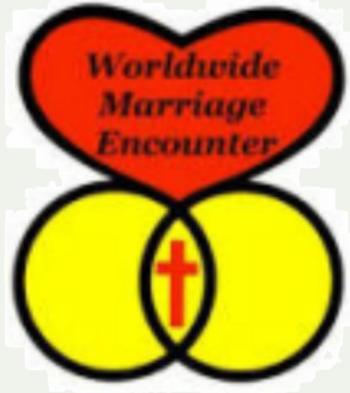
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Dylan Arenivas	Angelica Garcia	Theodore Miller
Claudia Arreola	Elizebeth Giaccone	Clarora Miller
Pedro Arreola	Kathryn Giaccone	Ashton Mizell
Alicia Atkinson	Suzanne Gibel	Jessica Moreno
Emmanuel Ayala	Janice Glendening	Kerry Morgan
Angel Ayala	Austin Goulding	Ryan O'Hanlon
Jayden Baker	Maria Guardado	Henry Pointer
Barry Ballenger	Daisy Guevara	Roger Poole
Frank Barberis	Monica Guillermo	Leona Ragsdale
Briseyda Basurto	Matthew Haefele	Alexander Ramirez
Bonnie Becker	Nolan Harshbarger	George Rewald
Maci Bray	Larry Hart	Mason Ripley
Brenda Bremer	Adrian Hernandez Najera	James Sedlock
Katie Brown	Ofelia Hidalgo	Celia Squires
Obdulia Cano	Judy Honigman	Norman Stoddard
Adrian Cartagena	Maricarmen Ibarra	Gabrielle Stoddard
Jose Castillo	Reggie Kelch	Sharon Stoverink
Martha Cedillo	Richard Knight	Emilia Valle
Austin Conrad	Mary Kottenbrock	John Van De Vyvere
Thomas Coovert	Jennifer Lombardo	Mary Ann Van De Vyvere
Dick Danjou	Jenny Lopez	Esteban Varela
Dick Deschenes	Ellen Lovelace	Jordan Wilson
Miguel Duran	Javen Mackey	Jessica Wink
Sandra Escobar Chavez	Zachary Magill	Lori Woodfine
Sara Estrella	Chad McDaniel	Angelie Yanez
Mary Fischer	Betty McNally	Angel Zarco

Happy Anniversary

Rudolph and Mary Schmidt	64 Years!	2/18/1956
William and Mary Winkert	46 Years!	2/23/1974
Garrett and Kathleen Griggs	41 Years!	2/17/1979
Bernard and Joyce Abrams	31 Years!	2/17/1989
Hermand and Irma Escobar	23 Years!	2/19/1997
Jose and Maria Rodriguez	22 Years!	2/19/1998
Glen and Krisla Peterman	20 Years!	2/19/2000

Encountered Couples

Continue your WWME experience by joining the monthly sharing circle meeting the first Friday each month. Contact Michelle Rose & Steve Wasleski for more info. 919-624-4407



Pastoral Care

Nursing Home Mass Schedule

Feb 19	10:00am	Foxwood Springs
Feb 26	10:00am	Carnegie Village (Communion Service)
Mar 4	10:30am	Beautiful Savior

*Please note the **time change above** for the Communion Service at Carnegie Village on Ash Wednesday.

Register Now for St. Sabina Grief Group The group we offer at St. Sabina is based on an adult mutual self-help grief recovery model. It is a safe place to recognize and acknowledge a painful loss. The participants are grievers that are courageous and have chosen to be proactive rather than passive. Advanced registration is important, group size is limited but we need at least five participants to have a group. All are welcome, you do not have to be a parishioner to participate. Friends and family members are welcome. This year our group will begin Tuesday morning, February 25 at 10:00am. The group will meet once a week for six weeks. To register or for more information contact Marta Roper at 816-979-3154 or marta@stsabinaparish.org. Registration deadline Thursday, February 20, 2020.

In a society which is much more inclined to help you hide your pain rather than to grow through it, it is necessary to make a very conscious effort to mourn.

-Henri Nouwen, "In Memoriam" (Notre Dame, Ind.: Ave Maria Press)

Prayer Requests/Peticiones de Oración

Christina Albarez	Cherie Hatfield	Agustin Rivera
Margaret Bannerman	Martha Healy	Michelle Rose
Dennis Berg	Ted Henry	Anna Ryan
Jean Berg	Beth Heide	Ron Schock
John Bidondo	Rhonda Henke	Andy Sheer
Mary Pat Biondo	Alex Henningsen	Jaxton Shipley
Betty Bremenkamp	Bob Henningsen	Don Standley
Maxine Bremer	Morgan Hilliard	Rachael Casady Smith
Sheila Brown	Richard Hoedl	Cleo Srader
Joyce Callahan	Gale Holsman	Wally Srader
Patty Carr	Richard Huffman	Marie Stinger
John Cikan	John Jongeneelen	Lois Stogsdill
Joseph Coots	Don Kueck	Rita Stout
Toby Coyle	Emmy Long	Jean Tate
Mark DeLuca	Kristy McClain	Joe Taylor
Mark Deterding	Ray Malisos	Priscilla Tristani
Paula Dull	Laurie Marmon	Tierney VanMeter
Terry Eppert	Bienvenido Martinez	Senny Vigil
Pat Ford	Leonard Meiron	Richard Vogel
Jean Frank	Melba Mercier	Amanda Votava
Bettianne Gardiner	Janet Moorman	Mary Westfall
Butch Geer	Mark Parson	Sarah Wheeler
Judy Giannini	George Panebianco	William Jordan Family
Rita Ann Hand	Diane Quinn	Merle Woolworth
	Larry Rhodes	Carmitia Yust

Sick and Homebound ministers Ash Wednesday

is February 26th this year. Please try to visit your homebound with ashes that day. You may pickup blessed ashes after the 8am Ash Wednesday Mass. Questions contact Marta 816-979-3154 or marta@stsabinaparish.org.

Wellness Center

Did You Know — Loving yourself is an important element to living well. It influences your relationships, the image you project at work, and how you cope with the problems in your life. Self-love is not simply a state of feeling good. It is a state of appreciation for oneself that grows from actions that support our physical, psychological and spiritual growth.

Here's a prescription for Self Love

1. *Become mindful.* Be mindful of who you are and act on this knowledge, versus what others think of you.
2. *Act on what you need rather than what you want.* You love yourself when you can turn away from something that feels good and exciting to what you need to stay strong, centered, and moving forward in your life
3. *Practice good self-care.* You will love yourself more, when you take better care of your basic needs.
4. *Protect yourself.* Bring the right people into your life.
5. *Forgive yourself.* Accept your humanness (the fact that you are not perfect). Remember, there are no failures, if you have learned and grown from your mistakes. Take in life's lessons.



Now, take a deep breath, exhale and appreciate how wonderful YOU are!!



Stewardship

"Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift."

Matthew 5: 23-24

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus illustrates the difference between an external observance of the law and a true conversion of heart, saying, "You have heard that it was said... you shall not kill... But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment." Our Lord is asking us not only for exterior acts, but for a true change of heart. In stewardship terms, that means seeing everything as a gift from Him, to be used for His glory and the good of others. In the week ahead, let us examine the state of our hearts to ask ourselves if we have chosen to allow stewardship to become a way of life for us. Only then we will experience its true depth and heart-changing possibilities. The choice is ours. — See more at www.catholicsteward.com/blog/

Contributions for February 9

Envelopes/Sobres:	\$9,500.00
Plate/Canasta:	\$1,384.00
Maintenance-Upkeep:	\$1,036.00

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.stsabinaparish.org, click the "Online Giving" button in the top right section and fill out the online contribution form.

AmazonSmile Donations

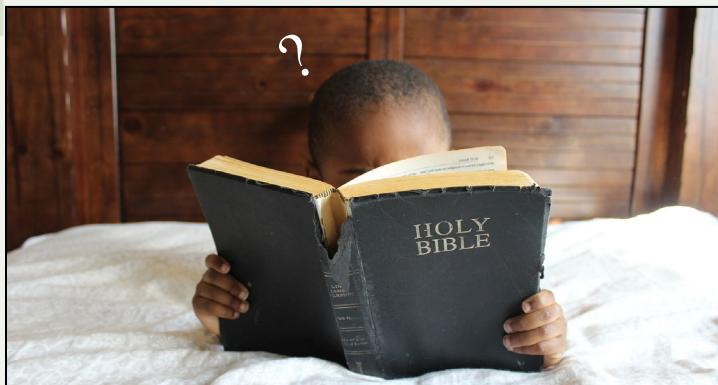
Did you know that we are eligible to receive donations based on your Amazon purchases? Last quarter, we received donations based off of over \$3000 of your purchases! Please remember this while doing your Amazon shopping! To support us in this way, be sure to do your Amazon shopping through smile.amazon.com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

Consider Making a Bequest to St. Sabina

Planned giving provides an opportunity to give a gift that forever perpetuates our Catholic faith. To leave your parish, a school, ministry a bequest, make sure your intentions are understood by providing as much identifying information as possible. State the Legal Name, Tax ID Number (if known), Address, City, ST Zip.

Are these books really in the Bible?

There are certain books of the Bible, especially the Hebrew Scripture/Old Testament, that most Christians either know nothing or very little about. These five sessions begin an exploration of some of these books. Three of the books are named after women, *Judith*, *Esther* and *Ruth*. Chapter 13, part of the Additions to the book of Daniel, narrates the little known story of *Susanna*. The sessions conclude with a look at a little known book called Tobit. All the narratives relate engaging and entertaining stories concerning the adventures of their main characters. They also communicate key values regarding fidelity to God and to one another. The sessions are offered on Wednesday Evenings, March 4, 11, 18, 25, & April 1, 2020, from 7-9 PM and repeated on Thursday Mornings, March 5, 12, 19, 26 & April 2, 2020 from 10 AM-Noon. To register, call Biagio at 816-979-3153, or e-mail Biagio at biagio@stsabinaparish.org. St. Sabina is located at 700 Trevis Avenue, Belton, MO 64012. All faith traditions are most welcomed.



*Parish Mission with
Fr. Dick Gielow
Save the Dates!
March 7-11, 2020*

Green Team Tip of the Week

Per the Department of Defense Clean Water Act Services Steering Committee, take your expired and unused prescriptions to the police station, save for a prescription take back day or get a mailing envelope from your pharmacy. Please do not flush them down the drain because they pollute the water.

Stewardship

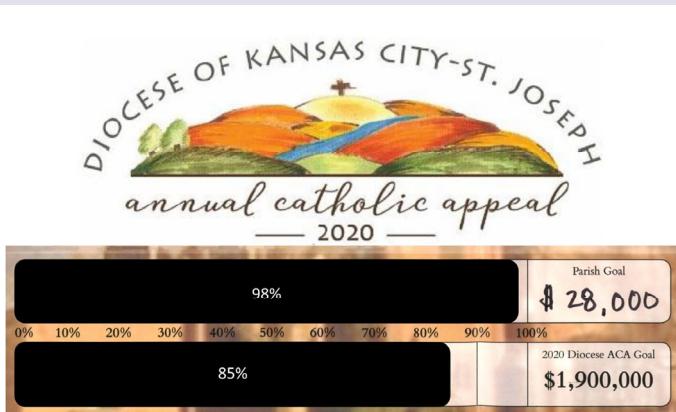
St. Sabina Fourth Annual Benefit Auction

Save the date! Grab your bell bottoms, zip up your jumpsuits and catch the *Disco Fever!* Join us for a funky night including great food, fun and competitive bidding to support our parish and its ministries on Friday, May 1, 2020. More details to come.

We need your help! In order to make this night "dyno-mite," we are asking for your help in procuring donations of new merchandise, sporting events, services, collectibles, time shares, entertainment, gift baskets, gift cards, or in-kind cash donations. Donations valued over \$75 will receive free advertising blocks in our auction catalog, up to a full-page ad depending on the item or service value. We also have plenty of volunteer opportunities! In addition to volunteers to help everything run smoothly during the auction, we will also need teams to help plan, procure, and decorate. If you can share your gifts with us in one of these ways, please contact the parish office.

2020 ACA Update

We are just \$455 away from reaching our parish goal for this year's Annual Catholic Appeal. If you would like to make a donation to the ACA, you can pick up an envelope in the church (ask Father or a staff member) or online. The ACA online donation portal is linked in our parish website. Just click the image that looks like the one below at www.stsabinaparish.org.



Diaper Drive—March 21-29

Did you know that 1 in 3 moms in the United States report suffering from diaper need? What exactly is diaper need? It's the struggle to provide a sufficient number of clean diapers to ensure that a child is changed out of wet or soiled diapers as often as necessary. An adequate supply of diapers is a basic need for all infants that is as necessary for their health and well-being as food and shelter.



Our Love Thy Neighbor team is teaming up with Raymore Baby Grace again this year to help fight diaper need in our community. You can help by donating disposable or cloth diapers and wipes to our diaper drive on the weekends of March 21/22 and 28/29. Did your little one grow into a new diaper size and you have loose leftovers? We'll take open packages too!

Prayer and Life Workshop

Prayer and Life Workshops are formation sessions that help you learn and deepen the art of prayer. Each week a new type of prayer is presented and practiced (by praying, we learn to pray). In the workshop, we learn to enter into a personal relationship with the Lord through different prayer methods, from the first steps of simple prayer to the heights of contemplation. Since prayer is an art in regard to human nature, the workshop is organized in a manner that offers a progressive way of learning. This workshop will be offered on Wednesdays, through May 27, 7-9pm, in classroom 8 of the education wing. **Last Wednesday the class was an orientation session. It is not too late to begin!** Please sign up in the gathering space or contact Biagio or Kris in the parish office at 816-331-4713, biagio@stsabinaparish.org or kris@stsabinaparish.org. The cost of this program is \$15, which pays for the materials.

Summer Camp Director Needed at St Thomas More

St. Thomas More is looking for a Summer Camp Director. The position pays \$16-\$17 dollars an hour. Anyone interested please call Tim Waris at 816-942-2492 for more details.



Youth Ministry

PSR News

Elda's Compassion Boutique is returning to offer free First Communion apparel. All families are welcome to visit their little shop which will be set up in the Parish Hall on February 23rd from 9am to noon. They receive donated dresses and suits and have them dry cleaned to be worn again. If you have a very gently worn garment to donate, you may drop it off in the Youth Office by February 23rd.

Tour of the Church Night! Our First Communion kids and their parents are invited to join together on March 3 for an evening of fun, fellowship and preparation for the sacrament of Communion. Kids will get a backstage pass to the inner parts of the church with one of our sacristans, bake altar bread to share with their families, create a unique banner that's all about them and have a hot dog dinner with their classmates and family. The night begins at 6:30pm and ends at 8:30pm. Please arrive early so we can get the groups all set and have a little prayer to start our night off right. This is not a drop off event. At least one parent/guardian must accompany each student.

Youth News

Junior High Youth! Our next meeting is Wednesday, February 19 at 7pm.

Confirmation Candidates! Our next Sponsor Night will be March 11 from 7-8:30pm in the Parish Hall.

Junior High Lock In!! On February 22nd at 8pm we will leave St. Sabina and head to St. Margaret Parish for a Youth Mass. We will then go to Legacy Park for our Lock In where we will be joined by several other Catholic churches from our Diocese. There will be a pool, open gym for basketball and volleyball as well as racket ball courts, a movie and board games room, and of course, pizza and snacks!! Boys are asked to bring a bag of chips and girls are asked to bring a package of cookies to share, all are asked to also bring a 2 liter of soda. The cost of the event is \$20 per person. I do need help with driving and chaperoning this event and ask that if any parents or parishioners who have completed the Virtus screening would like to help, please contact Kirstie in the Youth Office. We will return to St. Sabina at 6am on Sunday, February 23rd. All of the details are also on the permission slip which will be handed out at our next meeting and are currently available on the parish website. If your child plans to bring a friend, please have them get a permission slip, too.

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Child Safety

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

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

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

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

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



Jesus said to his disciples:

"Let your statement be, 'Yes, yes' or 'No, no'; anything beyond these is of evil." Mt 5:37

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Reflection on the Readings

As we continue our reflection on select passages from Matthew's Sermon on the Mount, the themes that surface in today's readings are beautifully captured in the refrain from Responsorial Psalm 119, "Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!" **With 176 verses, Psalm 119 is the longest psalm in the Psalter. The focus of the psalm is the Law of the Lord, understood not in legalistic terms but as the source of light, life, happiness, and wisdom.**

This week, it would be beneficial to read and reflect on the entire Psalm 119. Eight synonyms for the law are offered in the psalm: *teachings, decrees, precepts, laws, commands, edicts, words, promises*. When used together in the psalm they come to 174 references to God's law. **The Law, gifted to us by God, is ultimately the source of joy to the heart, and peace to the mind, guiding and helping us to live life well and to the full.**

The psalm is structured as an elaborate expansive acrostic: each verse begins with a successive letter of the Hebrew alphabet. The acrostic structure is further expanded by having eight successive verses begin with the same Hebrew letter, thus resulting in 176 verses. The verses and stanzas are not linked together in any progressive thought pattern. **Each verse stands alone in its statement about God's law.** This makes the psalm ideal for meditation in that each and every verse can stand on its own, allowing us to tap into the rich understanding of God's wisdom expressed in the Law. **As Irene Nowell, Benedictine Scripture Scholar from Mount St. Scholastica in Atchison, KS, has expressed, Psalm 119 is a mantra prayer on the Law of the Lord.**

Take the entire psalm for your prayer this week as you continue your reflection on today's readings. The verses chosen for today's responsorial psalm communicate the message that keeping and observing God's law is a desirable and life giving reality. **Because we might not be faithful in observing God's law, we ask God to help us in understanding and keeping the Law in our minds and hearts.**

The first reading from Sirach, one of the biblical Wisdom books, challenges us to take personal responsibility in the choices we make, and not blame God for things that go wrong in life. We can keep God's law if we choose to and our choice determines whether we choose life or death. God's ways and law are always meant for life and not death. **Yet, aware of our own weakness and fragility in keeping the law, with the verses of the Responsorial Psalm, we ask God's help in choosing wisely and in being guided by the Law.**

Paul, in his first letter to the Corinthians, speaks again of the wisdom of God, no longer fully captured in the Law but thoroughly expressed in the crucified Christ. Jesus incarnates God's wisdom and law in ways we could not even have imagined or conceived. **The Spirit of God aids us in trying to grasp the depths of God's wisdom and ways, the wonders of God's plan for all humanity.**

In today's selection from Matthew's Sermon on the Mount, Jesus is the true teacher of wisdom and law. **Jesus is not doing away with the law. Rather, typical of Jewish teachers in the various schools of Torah interpretation, Jesus interprets the law in a fashion that reflects his understanding of God.** Through his teachings and interpretations, we come to understand more fully the intent, direction and wisdom of the law. **Jesus comes to fulfill the law by deepening and expanding our awareness of God's intention and wisdom in revealing the Law to humanity.** Jesus shares and deepens our insight into God's rich wisdom so that we might have life and be more in line with what God's intention and wisdom in creating us.

This week, reflect on Psalm 119, challenging yourself to understand the wisdom of God's Law, not in a legal or restrictive mode, but in a mode that gives life, peace of mind, and sure guidance.

**Biagio Mazza
Pastoral Associate**

Readings



Sunday, February 16

1st Reading: Sirach 15:15-20

Psalm: Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 (1b)

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

Sunday, February 23

1st Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

Psalm: Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 (8a)

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48

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Reflexión Sobre las Lecturas

Mientras continuamos nuestra reflexión sobre pasajes selectos del Sermón del Monte de Mateo, los temas que emergen en las lecturas de hoy son bellamente capturados en el estribillo del Salmo responsorial 118: "Dichosos los que caminan en la voluntad del Señor". **Con 176 versos , el Salmo 118 es el salmo más largo en el Salterio. El foco del salmo es la voluntad del Señor, entendida no en términos legalistas, sino como fuente de luz, vida, felicidad y sabiduría.**

Esta semana, sería beneficioso leer y reflexionar sobre todo el Salmo 118. Ocho sinónimos de la voluntad se ofrecen en el salmo: *enseñanzas, decretos, preceptos, voluntad, mandamientos, edictos, palabras, promesas.* Cuando se usan juntos en el salmo, llegan a 174 referencias a la voluntad de Dios. La voluntad, dotada a nosotros por Dios, básicamente es la fuente de la alegría al corazón, y la paz a la mente, guiándonos y ayudándonos a vivir la vida bien y al máximo.

El salmo está estructurado como un acróstico expansivo y complicado: cada verso comienza con una letra sucesiva del alfabeto hebreo. La estructura acróstica se amplía aún más al tener ocho versos sucesivos que empiezan con la misma letra hebrea, resultando así 176 versos. Los versos y las estrofas no están unidos entre sí en ningún patrón de pensamiento progresivo. **Cada verso está solo en su declaración sobre la voluntad de Dios.** Esto hace que el salmo sea ideal para la meditación en que todos y cada uno de los versos pueden mantenerse por sí mismos, permitiéndonos aprovechar el rico entendimiento de la sabiduría de Dios expresada en la voluntad. **Como ha expresado Irene Nowell, erudita benedictina de**

Escrituras de Mt. Scholastica en Atchison, KS, el Salmo 118 es una oración del mantra sobre la voluntad del Señor.

Tome el salmo entero para su oración esta semana mientras continúa su reflexión sobre las lecturas de hoy. Los versos escogidos para el salmo responsorial de hoy comunican el mensaje de que mantener y observar la voluntad de Dios es una realidad deseable y que da vida. **Debido a que quizás no somos fieles en la observación de la voluntad de Dios, pedimos a Dios que nos ayude a comprender y mantener su voluntad en nuestras mentes y corazones.**

La primera lectura del Eclesiástico, uno de los libros bíblicos de la Sabiduría, nos desafía a asumir responsabilidad personal en las decisiones que tomamos, y no culpar a Dios de las cosas que van mal en la vida. Podemos mantener la voluntad de Dios si elegimos y nuestra elección determina si elegimos la vida o la muerte. Los caminos y la voluntad de Dios siempre están destinados a la vida y no a la muerte. **Sin embargo, conscientes de nuestra debilidad y fragilidad en mantener la voluntad, con los versos del Salmo Responsorial, pedimos la ayuda de Dios para escoger sabiamente y guiarnos por su voluntad.**

Pablo, en su primera carta a los Corintios, habla nuevamente de la sabiduría de Dios, ya no capturado completamente en la Ley, sino expresado plenamente en Cristo crucificado. Jesús encarna la sabiduría y la voluntad de Dios en formas que ni siquiera podíamos haber imaginado o concebido. **El Espíritu de Dios nos**

ayuda a tratar de captar las profundidades de la sabiduría y los caminos de Dios, las maravillas del plan de Dios para toda la humanidad.

En la selección de hoy del Sermón del Monte de Mateo, Jesús es el verdadero maestro de la sabiduría y la ley. **Jesús no está eliminando la ley. Más bien, típico de los maestros judíos en las diversas escuelas de interpretación de la Torá, Jesús interpreta la ley de una manera que refleja su comprensión de Dios.** A través de sus enseñanzas e interpretaciones, llegamos a comprender mejor la intención, la dirección y la sabiduría de la ley. **Jesús viene a cumplir la ley profundizando y expandiendo nuestra conciencia de la intención y sabiduría de Dios al revelar la Ley a la humanidad.** Jesús comparte y profundiza nuestra visión de la rica sabiduría de Dios para que podamos tener vida y estar más en línea con la intención y sabiduría de Dios al creernos.

Esta semana, reflexione sobre el Salmo 118, desafiándose a entender la sabiduría de la Ley o voluntad de Dios, no en un modo legal o restrictivo, sino en un modo que da vida, paz mental y guía segura.

**Biagio Mazza
Asociado Pastoral**

Lecturas



Lecturas del Domingo, 16 de Febrero

Primera Lectura: Eclesiástico 15:16-21
Salmo: Salmo 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34
Segunda Lectura: 1 Corintios 2:6-10
Evangelio: Mateo 5:17-37

Lecturas del Domingo, 23 de Febrero

Primera Lectura: Levítico 19:1-2, 17-18
Salmo: Salmo 102:1-2, 3-4, 8 y 10, 12-13
Segunda Lectura: 1 Corintios 3:16-23
Evangelio: Mateo 5:38-48

Ministerio Juvenil/Información

Noticias de la Escuela de Religión

Elda's Compassion Boutique regresa para ofrecer ropa gratuita de Primera Comunión. Todas las familias pueden visitar su pequeña tienda que se instalará en el Salón Parroquial el 23 de febrero de 9 a.m. a mediodía. Reciben vestidos y trajes donados y los limpian en seco para usarlos nuevamente. Si tiene una prenda usada muy ligeramente para donar, puede dejarla en la Oficina de la Juventud antes del 23 de febrero.

Recorrido de la Iglesia! Nuestros niños de la Primera Comunión y sus padres están invitados a acompañarnos el 3 de marzo para una noche de diversión, compañerismo y preparación para el sacramento de la Comunión. Los niños obtendrán un 'pase al detrás de escena' a las partes internas de la iglesia con uno de nuestros sacristanes, hornearan pan de altar para compartir con sus familias, crearán una pancarta única la cual es sobre ellos y tendrán una cena de hot dog con sus compañeros de clase y sus familias. La noche comienza a las 6:30 pm y termina a las 8:30 pm. Llegue temprano para que podamos organizar todos los grupos y orar para comenzar bien la noche. Este no es un evento de dejar los niños. Al menos un parente/tutor debe acompañar a cada estudiante.

Noticias de los Jóvenes

Jóvenes de la Middle School! Nuestra próxima reunión será el 19 de febrero a las 7pm.

Candidatos de la Confirmación! Nuestra próxima Noche de Padrinos será el 11 de marzo de 7 a 8:30 pm en el Salón Parroquial.

Noche de Deportes para los de la Middle School! El 22 de febrero a las 8pm saldremos de Santa Sabina e iremos a la Parroquia de St. Margaret para una Misa juvenil. Luego iremos a Legacy Park para nuestra noche de deportes, donde nos unirán varias otras iglesias católicas de nuestra diócesis. Habrá una alberca, gimnasio abierto para baloncesto y voleibol, así como canchas de raquetas, una sala de cine y juegos de mesa y, por supuesto, ¡pizza y bocadillos! Se les pide a los jóvenes varones que traigan una bolsa de sabritas y a las jóvenes que traigan un paquete de galletas para compartir, también se les pide a todos que traigan un refresco de 2 litros. El costo del evento es de \$20 por persona. Necesito conductores y acompañantes para este evento y pido que si algún parente o feligrés que haya completado la evaluación de Virtus y quisiera ayudar, que se comunique con Kirstie en la Oficina de Jóvenes. Regresaremos a Santa Sabina a las 6 am el domingo 23 de febrero. Todos los detalles también se encuentran en la hoja de permiso que se entregará en la próxima reunión y ya están disponibles en el sitio web. Si su hijo planea traer a un amigo, también necesitarán una hoja permiso.

Seguridad Infantil

La Diócesis de Kansas City-St. Joseph está comprometida a luchar contra el abuso sexual en la Iglesia. Si usted es víctima 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 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 a Joe Crayon, Defensor del Pueblo Diocesano al 816.812.2500 o crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org 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 ó niños de nuestra parroquia deben asistir a un taller llamado Protegiendo a los Niños de Dios, también necesitarán someterse a una verificación de antecedentes y deberán firmar la póliza sobre Éticas e Integridad en el Ministerio (EIM). Más información en <https://kcsjcatholic.org/the-office-of-child-and-youth-protection/>

Los Más Pequeños

Jim Burrows



Jesús dijo a sus discípulos:
"Antes bien, sea vuestro hablar: 'Sí, sí' o 'No, no';
y lo que es más de esto, procede del mal". Mt 5:37

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En Nuestro Video ¿Sabes...? de Esta Semana:



Mientras continuamos nuestra serie sobre lo que significa ser "católico", examinamos por qué tener una cosmovisión y perspectiva católica exige que desarrollemos una visión universal. *Katholikos*, la palabra griega origen de "católico" significa universal e inclusivo de todos, entendido como una cualidad clave de todos los cristianos. Hoy, el cristianismo es una fe mundial y su visión sigue siendo universal, católica. Debido a que los cristianos son católicos, necesitamos desarrollar una visión universal a nivel mundial que considere a todos en el mundo como nuestro prójimo, esforzándonos siempre por satisfacer las necesidades de todo el pueblo de Dios. Conscientes de nuestra responsabilidad cristiana global, trabajamos para romper las fronteras nacionales, políticas y étnicas, viendo la unidad de todos en Cristo. Una visión universal cristiana católica es esencialmente no violenta, siempre trabaja hacia la armonía y no la tensión, la cooperación y no la competencia, el respeto y el diálogo y no la sospecha y la evitación. Tómese un momento para ver el video ¿Sabes? de esta semana y ver por qué ser cristiano católico exige desarrollar una visión universal.

Colecta de Pañales—21-29 de Marzo

¿Sabía que 1 de cada 3 madres en los Estados Unidos informan que tienen falta de pañales? ¿Qué es exactamente la falta de pañales? Es la dificultad de proporcionar una cantidad suficiente de pañales limpios para garantizar que un niño cambie los pañales mojados o sucios con la frecuencia necesaria. Un suministro adecuado de pañales es una necesidad básica para todos los bebés, que es tan necesaria para su salud y bienestar como la comida y el refugio.

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