

Saint Sabina Catholic Church

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



Please Consider Joining our Altar Society!

The Altar Society is a parish ministry at St. Sabina, open to men and women, that focuses on the Altar, Sanctuary, and Sacristy. It is being reorganized into committees that focus on specific activities, such as Church Cleaning, Religious Articles, Coffee, Laundering Purificators, Watering Plants, Cleaning Candles, etc. Besides supporting the parish in these various activities, the Altar Society also donates funds to the parish for the Altar, Sanctuary, or Sacristy, primarily from the sale of the religious articles. The Altar Society meets on a quarterly basis. Voluntary dues are \$5.00 annually. We will be hosting a recruiting weekend on February 25th, where you will learn more information at Mass and have an opportunity to meet some of the members and ask questions. Joining the Altar Society is an opportunity to get more involved and give back to the parish. Please consider signing up for one or more of these committees, or making a donation to the Altar Society. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Cheryl Nichols at 816-668-4538 (evenings), or cnich123@yahoo.com.

Congratulations to Jeremiah, Blaine, Joseph, and Blair (not pictured) who received their Parvuli Dei award for Cub Scouts at Mass on February 4!

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.

First Sunday of Lent

February 18, 2018

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Intentions for February 19-23, 2018

Mon.	8am	COMMUNION SERVICE
Tues.	6pm	†Donna Kozar
Wed.	10am	†Helen Rush (Foxwood Springs)
Thurs.	8am	†Felix Suwito
Fri.	8am	†Nick Henning

Saturday, February 24, 2018

4:00pm †Donna Kozar

Sunday, February 25, 2018

8:00am	†Victor Sherman
10:30am	Intentions of the Parish Family
12:30pm Spanish	†Elias Meza
	†Rodrigo Candia

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

†Donna Kozar, sister of John Cikan

†Helen Rush, Carnegie Village

†Victor Sherman, Beautiful Savior

†Daniel Bousman, Beautiful Savior

†Michael Eugene Bross, hijo (son) de Ledia Suderland



Calendar/Parish Happenings

Sunday, February 18 - Domingo, 18 de Febrero

Search Retreat

- 9:00am PSR/Parents Lounge
- 11:00am Ensayo del Coro Hispano
- 11:00am Escuela de Religión
- 1:30pm Taller para Contribuyentes de Impuestos

Monday, February 19- Lunes, 19 de Febrero

- 7:00pm Boy Scouts
- 7:00pm Talleres de Oración y Vida

Tuesday, February 20 - Martes, 20 de Febrero

- Parish Office to Close at Noon (Staff Training)
- 7:00pm ESL/Inglés Como Segunda Lengua
- 7:00pm Living Stones
- 7:00pm Pequeñas Comunidades Cristianas

Wednesday, February 21 - Miércoles, 21 de Febrero

- 9:00am Legion of Mary
- 10:00am Mass at Foxwood Springs
- 7:00pm Choir Practice (4:00 & 10:30 groups)
- 7:00pm Confirmation Sponsor Night
- 7:00pm Knights Officers Meeting

Thursday, February 22 - Jueves, 22 de Febrero

- Parish Office to Close at Noon (Staff Training)
- 6:55am High School Youth Prayer Breakfast
- 9:30am Quilters
- 7:00pm RCIA/RICA

Friday, February 23 - Viernes, 23 de Febrero

- 5:00pm Fish Fry
- 6:30pm Stations of the Cross
- 7:00pm Via Crucis

Saturday, February 24 - Sábado, 24 de Febrero

- Altar Society Weekend
- Diaper Drive
- 3:00pm Confessions

Sunday, February 25 - Domingo, 25 de Febrero

- Altar Society Weekend
- Diaper Drive
- 9:00am PSR/Parents Lounge
- 10:30am Bible Study
- 11:00am Ensayo del Coro Hispano
- 11:00am Escuela de Religión

John's Gospel and the Readings of the Lenten Scrutiny Sundays

Wednesday Evenings – February 28, March 7, 14 and 21, 2018 ~ 7-9 PM
repeated on Thursday Mornings – March 1, 8, 15, and 22, 2018 ~ 10 AM to Noon

The third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent are called Scrutiny Sundays. The catechumens, those who will be fully initiated at the Easter Vigil, come before the praying community asking God to lift up from their lives obstacles that would prevent them from fully committing themselves to living their baptismal call.

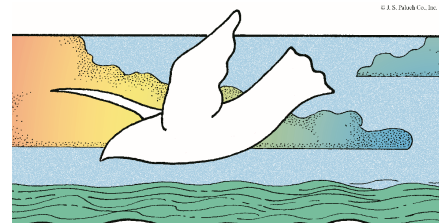
The church recommends that no matter what lectionary year we are celebrating, the readings from Lectionary Year A be used whenever there are catechumens celebrating the scrutinies.

These four sessions will explore the Lectionary readings for the Scrutiny Sundays, which are all taken from the Gospel according to John. The readings focus on living water, removing blindness and on new life, all significant elements of our baptismal journey and commitment. The readings proclaim John's narrative of Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well, (chapter 4), Jesus healing a man born blind, (chapter 9), and Jesus bringing a loved one, Lazarus, back to life (chapter 11). After a brief introduction to John's Gospel, the sessions will focus on these three chapters from John, linking them to the liturgy and the ritual of the scrutinies.

These sessions are an ideal way to way to enter into Lent, renewing our baptismal commitment along with supporting and journeying with those who will be fully initiated at the Easter Vigil. Come, bring your bibles and a friend and let us all explore these rich readings which help us explore the deeper meaning of our baptismal call as disciples of the Lord. All churches and faith traditions are most welcomed. Sessions will be facilitated by Biagio Mazza, Pastoral Associate, St. Sabina Parish. To register, call either Biagio at 816-979-3153 or Kris at 816-979-3151, or email Biagio at biagio@stsabinaparish.org.

Baptism Congratulations

Grayson Miles, son of Matt and Stevie Bader



Lenten and Parish Happenings



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Lenten Fish Fries

Our Knights of Columbus are hosting their famous fish fries again this Lenten season. Menu includes fried fish, baked fish, hush puppies, French fries, corn on the cob, garlic potatoes, coleslaw and meatless spaghetti. Desserts will be provided by our Ladies Auxiliary. Prices are:

Adults (13 and older)	\$11.00
Seniors (55 and older)	\$10.00
Children (ages 6-12)	\$ 6.00
Family (immediate family living under the same roof)	\$34.00

The fish fries continue on Fridays (5-7pm) during Lent through March 23rd. The Knights will be holding their annual canned food drive during the fish fries. Food barrels will be available for your donation. As an incentive they are offering a \$1 discount for a donation of 5 cans or more. All of the food collected will go to local food pantries.

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be every Friday during Lent at 6:30pm. Spanish Stations will be at 7pm.

Area Lenten Reconciliation Services

Tuesday, February 20, 7pm at St. John LaLande
Wednesday, February 21, 7pm at St. Bridget
Monday, March 5, 7pm at St. Margaret
Sunday, March 11, 2pm at St. Thomas More
Tuesday, March 13, 7pm at St. Sabina Parish
Tuesday, March 13, 7pm at Our Lady of Lourdes (Harrisonville)
Wednesday, March 14, 7pm at Holy Spirit
Sunday, March 18, 6:30pm at Presentation
Monday, March 19, 7pm at Our Lady of Lourdes (Raytown)
Tuesday, March 20, 7pm at St. Catherine of Siena
Tuesday, March 20, 7pm at St. Robert Bellarmine
Wednesday, March 21, 6:30pm at St. Matthew Apostle

Green Team Tip of the Week

Learn how to improve your fuel economy in winter. <http://greenabilitymagazine.com/blog/2017/12/get-better-fuel-economy-cold/>.

Parish Office Hours

On Tuesday, February 20 and Thursday, February 22, our parish office will close at noon while the staff is in training.

Lenten Practices—Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving

During the season of Lent, we traditionally focus on the three practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Reflection booklets and other resources to aid your Lenten prayer are available in the gathering space. Take what you feel will be helpful, and please consider donating a dollar for each resource you take.

To help you with the practice of almsgiving, there are Rice Bowls from the Catholic Relief Services available in the gathering space as well. Following the calendar and reading the stories provided help us to connect how our sacrifice and donations can impact the lives of others.

CRS Rice Bowls—Encounter Majd

In Iraq, we encounter Majd and his family, people forced to flee violence, searching for stability. How are we called to welcome the stranger in our midst? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.



Pastoral Care

Nursing Home Mass Schedule

Feb 21	10:00am	Foxwood Springs
Feb 28	11:00am	Carnegie Village
Mar 7	10:30am	Beautiful Savior

Beginning Experience

A Weekend Away for a Lifetime of Change: Serving the Widowed, Separated and Divorced who are suffering the loss of a love relationship and may feel uneasy around married friends, unsure of themselves and uncertain about their futures. Helps grieving persons focus on their experience, deal with the natural grief process and offers an opportunity to turn the pain of loss into an experience of positive growth emerging from the darkness of grief into the light of a new beginning. The next Beginning Experience Weekend is March 2-4, at Precious Blood Center, Liberty, MO. For information visit: www.beginningexperiencekc.org, to register email: register.bekc@gmail.com, or contact Lori 913.980.7966.

Hospitalized

If you are hospitalized and would like us to know, please call or have a family member call Marta in the parish office at 979-3154 or 331-4713. Due to privacy laws hospitals cannot contact us.

Prayer Requests/Peticiones de Oración

Jim Agnew	Bob Heffernan	Patricia Rellihan
Dick Armstrong	Beth Heide	Clarence Reynolds
Marilyn Avalos	Baby Hendrix	Yvonne Salmon
Nikki Barrett	Chelsea Hendrix	Roger Schmidt
Mary Ann Bays	Bart Henke	Lois Simpson
Pauline Bellm	Rhonda Henke	Ashley Smith
Beverly Bell	Henry Hermreck	Shelline Smoot
John Bidondo	John Hirt	Charles Stinger II
Ryann Burrows	Terri Jackson	Marie Stinger
Ramon Caratachea	Kathy Jongenelen	Jim Storm
Anna Clark	Jenny Kinslow	Leo Storm
Joseph Coots	Leeland Kinslow	Marge Storm
Cathy Davis	John Lally	Mary Jane Storm
Paul DeMar	Albert Leal	Jean Tate
Nolan Dickerson	Beverly Little	Ruth Tayler
Steven DiGeorge	Bill Locke	Angel Thomas
Frances DiGeorge	Debbie Locke	Bruce Thompson
Argentina Meza Dubon	Jo Locke	Priscilla Tristani
Brian Effertz	Betty Sue Mack	Rhonda VanDyne
Terry Eppert	Bonita Mackedanz	William VanDyne
Joan Feedback	Leonard Meiron	Sunny Vigil
Dick Garnier	Lynn Morgan	Donna West
Pastor Giron	Harry Muench	Mary Westfall
June Glunt	Joan Muench	Marie Wilburn
Karen Grantham	Bella Nouryeh	Jeannette Woolworth
Laverne Harlow	Jane Nouryeh	Merle Woolworth
Bonnie Haskins	Thelma Palmer	Carmitia Yust
Cherie Hatfield	Dee Raya	Pablo Zayas

Wellness Center

Come One Come All, the More the Merrier.....and the Price Goes Down!

Sign up now through February 23rd to take advantage of discounted rates at Belton Parks and Recreation High Blue Wellness Center. The more people that sign up the deeper the discount. Your next opportunity to take advantage of this benefit will be next year so don't wait.

The highlighted rates below indicate our estimated enrollment to date so please continue to sign up!!

To be eligible for the special monthly rate, you must have a health screening in the St. Sabina Wellness Center. Express health assessments are available. Bring in the most recent results from your last doctor's visit, complete a health assessment survey and you're done!

For more information call the St. Sabina Wellness Center 816 979-3090

St. Sabina Discount Rates

Memberships	Individual	Annual	Family*	Annual
0-150	\$34	\$408	\$46	\$552
151-250	\$31	\$372	\$43	\$516
251-500	\$28	\$336	\$40	\$480
501-750	\$23	\$276	\$33	\$396
751-1000	\$17	\$204	\$23	\$276
Seniors (60+)	Individual	Couple		
1-750	\$21	\$31		
751-1000	\$17	\$23		

High Blue Rates

	Actual Membership Cost
Individual	\$38
Annual	\$456
Family*	\$58
Annual	\$696

*Family is up to two adults and their dependents up to age 23, living at the same address.



Stewardship

"Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit."

1 Peter 3: 18

In our Second Reading from the First Letter of Peter, he says, "Christ suffered for our sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God." Is that not what should be happening to us now and throughout Lent? We are to be led to God in more and better ways. Peter makes reference to Noah and thus implies the covenant that God has with us. Nevertheless, in fulfilling that covenant we have to do something also. We might say it is all about restoring and strengthening our relationship with God. What we do during Lent and the efforts we make and the disciplines we practice all should have that intention. — See more at www.catholicsteward.com/blog/

Contributions for February 11

Envelopes/Sobres:	\$9,364.00
Plate/Canasta:	\$ 745.75
Maintenance-Upkeep:	\$ 333.00

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.

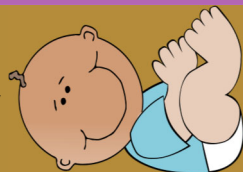
Help Your Neighbors in Need Move from Crisis to Thriving

Catholic Charities Emergency Assistance Fund Second Collection February 17/18

Utility bills are past due and the electricity gets shut off. There's no food in the kitchen. There's no money for basics like soap, shampoo and toothpaste. Each winter, these situations hit our vulnerable neighbors and create barriers to basic life that they cannot overcome alone. When this happens, it feels like hope is lost. Fortunately, thousands of families find Catholic Charities of Kansas City-St. Joseph, and come to us in their moment of crisis. Here, they find help and hope in these emergency situations. Thanks to your support of the Emergency Assistance Fund, we are able to get them through the crisis and back to a sense of stability. Once their immediate needs are met, Catholic Charities walks with families on their personal pathway out of poverty – Helping sustain them until they are self-sufficient and thriving. You'll find a second collection envelope in your packet for the weekend of February 17/18. Please be generous. Your gift to the Emergency Assistance Fund

Diaper Drive—Feb 24-Mar 4

Did you know that **1 in 5 Moms have extended the amount time they leave their babies in wet or soiled diapers, due to diaper need?** Join the St. Sabina Love Thy Neighbor Team in collaborating with the Baby Grace Program to help families in our community that are a part of this statistic.



Baby Grace was started almost 11 years ago to offer teen moms help and support by Juli Youcum, Anne Farmer, and a group of volunteers. It has blossomed into much more than Juli and Anne ever thought it would. There are currently 18 chapters that serve different areas of Missouri. All chapters are ran differently, under the umbrella that a mom will not be judged by anyone volunteering in that chapter. The Baby Grace mission is to share God's love and grace by offering material, emotional, and spiritual support and development for families with young children.

Our Baby Grace chapter is located in the Raymore Christian Church. Right now they are only able to help families with 12 diapers per baby, per month and one package of 100 wipes per family. That's maybe two days' worth. We hope that by hosting this diaper drive we will help them to be able to give more and work towards eliminating the diaper need in our community.

gives the warmth of hope this winter. From crisis to thriving: it's all because of you.

Adopt an Abuela in Anapra, MX

Manos Amigas recognizes the need to help the elderly in Anapra, Mexico with their Adopt an Abuela (grandma) program. These grandmas and grandpas do not have an income and have very few social services available to them. They rely on their families or neighbors to help care for them. Because of the poverty in Anapra, families do not have much to give. Most homes in Anapra are made of cinder blocks, which are not insulated against the desert cold. And so, through this program we provide elderly with a Christmas food basket and heat assistance during the winter.

We currently have 24 "Abuelas" in the program and 12 still need a sponsor. The sponsorship fee for this year is \$150. \$25 per month for propane or wood for November through February and \$50 for a food basket at Christmas. If you would like to adopt an "abuela," contact Manos Amigas at manosamigaskc@gmail.com or 816-806-9760.



Information

Diocesan Events

- Journey of Hope Divorce Ministry, Wednesday, March 21, 7-9pm, Our Lady of the Presentation, 130 NW Murray Rd, Lee's Summit

For more information on the above events, please call the Family Life Office at 816-714-2373.

SMA Lasallian Days • We want to serve you!

St. Michael the Archangel Catholic High School desires to help you or someone you know is in need! Any parishioners in need of 10-12 students to assist with cleaning, painting, general organizing or yard work on February 21-22 please contact Jana Burns with St. Michael at 816-763-4800. *Supplies must be provided by parishioner.

St Regis Parish Mission

St Regis Parish, 8941 James A Reed Rd, will be hosting a parish mission, led by Fr. Brian Frain, a priest from the Jesuit community at Rockhurst University on February 25-27. This 3 day mission will focus on the Sacred Heart of Jesus now in the 21st Century and its impact on our lives. Sessions will be from 7pm – 9pm each evening, beginning with a talk from Fr. Frain, and followed by adoration, time for confession, and benediction at 9pm.

'Rest Stops for Busy Women' – one-day retreat, Saturday, Feb. 24

If you are going high-speed on the road of life with schedules and commitments, this one-day retreat will help you pay attention to the road signs and give yourself permission to take a "rest stop." Facilitators: Cathy Newton and Sister Noreen Walter, SCL. Saturday, Feb. 24, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Marillac Center on the campus of the Mother House of the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth, 4200 South 4th Street, Leavenworth, Kan. Donation of \$40 includes lunch; scholarships available. For more information, visit www.marillaccenter.org. To register or for more information: retreats@scsls.org or 913-758-6552. Registration deadline: Feb. 17.

'Linger over Coffee' during Lent at Marillac Center

Starting Feb. 20, on the Tuesdays during Lent, Marillac Center will offer "Linger over Coffee" from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Team members will make presentations based on Joyce Rupp's book, Open the Door – A Journey to the True Self. Through the presentations, input, prayer and conversations, participants will have the opportunity to consider the ways God has opened doors for them in the ordinary events of their lives. Advanced registration is not required. A free will offering can be made. For the schedule of presenters, visit www.marillaccenter.org; call 913-758-6552; or email retreats@scsls.org.

happy birthday

Kayla Almendarez	Heriberto Fuentes	Walter Obermeier
Dylan Arenivas	Angelica Garcia	Kathleen Owen
Claudia Arreola	Alejandro Garcia	Richard Owen
Pedro Arreola	Elizebeth Giacone	Sara Palomares
Alicia Atkinson	Kathryn Giacone	Matthew Pannell
Angel Ayala	Suzanne Gibel	Roger Poole
Jamie Ayers	Maria Gonzalez	Leona Ragsdale
Jayden Baker	Maria Guardado	Sanjuana Ramirez
Barry Ballenger	Monica Guillermo	George Rewald
Frank Barberis	Adamaris Gutierrez	Delaney Rewald
Briseyda Basurto	Matthew Haefele	Mason Ripley
Valmer Bays	Penny Hammack	Ramon Rivera
Bonnie Becker	Larry Hart	Oscar Rosales
Allison Benavides	Delia Hernandez	Sophia Sadaro
Brenda Bremer	Ofelia Hidalgo	Alvaro Santillanes
Maxine Bremer	Judith Honigman	James Sedlock
Cruz Imelda Bretado	Maria Jaime	Celia Squires
Katie Brown	Reggie Kelch	Norman Stoddard
Brandon Canchola	Jon Kirchhoff	Gabrielle Stoddard
Adrian Cartagena	Mary Kottenbrock	Ryan Theobald
Jose Castillo	Jenny Lopez	Jessica Tollie
Luis Castro	Maria Lopez	Yendi Trejo
Martha Cedillo	Adrian Lopez	John Van De Vyvere
Austin Conrad	Javen Mackey	Mary Ann Van De Vyvere
Thomas Coovert	Chad McDaniel	Esteban Varela
Dulce Coreas	James Meckstroth	Jairo Vazquez
Dick Deschenes	Emily Medina	Daniel Villanueva
Miguel Duran	Yalesia Medina	Alyssa Villanueva
Amy Duran	Theodore Miller	Kevin Washam
Genevieve Dvorak	Clarora Miller	Jordan Wilson
Sandra Escobar Chavez	Kimberly Mina	Lori Woodfine
Ahtziri Espejel	Ashton Mizell	Angelie Yanez
Sara Estrella	José Moreno	Bernie Yoksh
Mary Fischer	Michael Naughton	Angel Zarco
Dania Flores	José Nunez	

Happy Anniversary

William and Mary Winkert	44 Years!	2/23/1974
Jose Medina and Maria Gonzalez de Medina	30 Years!	2/24/1988
Francisco and Vilma Salinas	23 Years!	2/25/1995
Herman and Irma Escobar	21 Years!	2/19/1997
Jose and Maria Rodriguez	20 Years!	2/19/1998
Glen and Krisla Peterman	18 Years!	2/19/2000



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, February 26th.**

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 March 15, 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 Feb. 21.** Contact Berenice Zayas for more information or to sign up at 816-979-3150 or berenice@stsabinaparish.org.

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/>

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 6:55am for kids to stop in on their way to school.

The Next Confirmation Sponsor Night will be on February 21st, 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 Fourth Grade class will be hosting Donuts in the gathering space after the 8am & 10:30am Masses on Mar 4. Please stop by their table to say hello!

Quinceañera Retreat

Our annual quinceañera retreat for girls will be held on Saturday, March 10 from 10am until 4pm at St. Sabina Parish in the Parish Hall. This retreat is to prepare young ladies for their Quinceañera as well as serve as an opportunity for all girls ages 14 and older to explore their faith and share in the joys of being a young Catholic lady. Registration forms are available on our website at www.stsabinaparish.org/permission-slips/.



Reflection on the Readings

The gospel reading for the First Sunday of Lent is always focused on the temptation of Jesus in the desert. This year's account of the temptation of Jesus is taken from the gospel according to Mark. It provides an entry into the meaning and significance of the Lenten season.

Jesus, soon after being baptized by John and having the Holy Spirit descend upon him, is literally "driven" out into the desert by that same Spirit. Jesus remains in the desert for forty days where he is tempted by Satan. *Jesus' ministry and mission begin by first taking on evil in all its manifestations. If the kingdom of God is to be active and manifest in the world, the forces of evil have to be defeated.* The desert battle with Satan is the first of many that Jesus will have in confronting the forces of evil, so that the reign of God can be actualized. Wild beasts are also present, while angels ministered to him.

Unlike Matthew's and Luke's account of the temptations, Mark's is very brief and to the point. After forty days in the desert with Satan, Jesus returns to Galilee and begins proclaiming the gospel of God. Jesus' return to Galilee after his forty day sojourn strongly implies that he was successful in his battle with Satan. *Mark begins his gospel with an assurance of ultimate victory over evil. However, as with any victory over the forces of evil, it usually comes at great cost.*

This gospel and the other readings set the tone for our Lenten journey. Lent's primary focus is baptism. Catechumens, those preparing for baptism in the church, enter into a more intense preparation for full initiation at the Easter Vigil.

The already baptized enter into a time of focused examination of their covenant relationship with God publically and fully sealed at baptism. *Our baptism calls us to proclaim and live out the good news of God in all our encounters and relationships.*

However, being human, we allow unreflecting or unloving patterns to creep into our relationship with God, ourselves and others. So, similar to Jesus' forty days in the desert, our Lenten forty days challenge us to examine how faithful we have been in living out our baptismal covenant. Where we see sinful or unloving patterns, we are asked to name them and ask God and others for forgiveness. Once we have confronted our sinfulness and turned our mind and hearts to God once more, then we are in a position, like Jesus, to proclaim the good news of God's love, mercy and faithfulness.

That love is made manifest in our first reading from Genesis in which God repents of destroying the world by flood waters, and renews once again the eternal covenant and love relationship with all of creation through the person of Noah and his family. Responsorial Psalm 25 asks us to affirm the reality that "Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your

covenant." Covenant fidelity enables us to live out and proclaim God's good news in all our actions and encounters. The second reading from 1 Peter asserts that Christ's mission and consequent suffering was accomplished so that he might lead us once again to intimate relationship with God.

This Lent, how will you make time to reflect on your covenant relationship to God? How will you scrutinize your life so that you can be better equipped to live and proclaim the good news of God? Prayer, fasting and almsgiving have proven to be effective ways to examine our lives and move us out toward greater care, attentiveness and concern for others.

What will you do this Lent to renew and recommit yourself to your baptismal promises? *Giving up something could be helpful. But doing something concrete to show care and concern for others could be an excellent way of proclaiming the presence of God's kingdom and good news operative in our midst.*

With Jesus, let us enter our forty day Lenten experience by deepening and intensifying our love relationship with God and all of creation.

Biagio Mazza,
Pastoral Associate

Readings



Bible Study

Sunday, February 18

1st Reading: Genesis 9:8-15

Psalm: Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (10)

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

Sunday, February 25

1st Reading: Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

Psalm: Psalm 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 (9)

2nd Reading: Romans 8:31b-34

Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

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 dates are Feb 25 and Mar 18 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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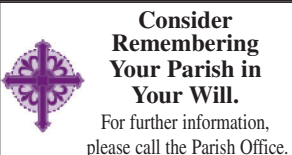
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Reflexión Sobre las Lecturas

La lectura del evangelio para el primer domingo de Cuaresma siempre se enfoca en la tentación de Jesús en el desierto. El relato de este año de la tentación de Jesús está tomado del evangelio según San Marcos. Proporciona una entrada al significado y a la importancia de la temporada de Cuaresma.

Jesús, poco después de ser bautizado por Juan y de que el Espíritu Santo descendiera sobre él, es literalmente "expulsado" al desierto por ese mismo Espíritu. Jesús permanece en el desierto por cuarenta días donde es tentado por Satanás. *El ministerio y la misión de Jesús comienzan primero enfrentándose al mal en todas sus manifestaciones. Si el reino de Dios debe estar activo y manifestarse en el mundo, las fuerzas del mal deben ser derrotadas.* La batalla en el desierto con Satanás es la primera de muchas que Jesús tendrá al enfrentar las fuerzas del mal, para que el reino de Dios pueda actualizarse. Las bestias salvajes también están presentes, mientras los ángeles le ministraban.

A diferencia del relato de las tentaciones de Mateo y Lucas, el de Marcos es muy breve y va al grano. Después de cuarenta días en el desierto con Satanás, Jesús regresa a Galilea y comienza a proclamar el Evangelio de Dios. El regreso de Jesús a Galilea después de su estancia de cuarenta días implica fuertemente que tuvo éxito en su batalla con Satanás. *Marcos comienza su evangelio con la seguridad de la victoria final sobre el mal. Sin embargo, como con cualquier victoria sobre las fuerzas del mal, generalmente tiene un gran costo.*

Este evangelio y las otras lecturas dan el tono para nuestro viaje Cuaresmal. El enfoque principal de la Cuaresma

es el bautismo. Los catecúmenos, aquellos que se preparan para el bautismo en la iglesia, entran en una preparación más intensa para la iniciación completa en la Vigilia Pascual. Los ya bautizados entran en un tiempo de examen enfocado de su relación de pacto con Dios públicamente y completamente sellados en el bautismo. *Nuestro bautismo nos llama a proclamar y vivir las buenas nuevas de Dios en todos nuestros encuentros y relaciones.*

Sin embargo, al ser humanos, permitimos que los patrones irreflexivos o sin amor se arrastren en nuestras relaciones con Dios, con nosotros mismos y con los demás. Entonces, de manera similar a los cuarenta días de Jesús en el desierto, nuestros cuarenta días de Cuaresma nos desafían a examinar que tan fieles hemos sido en vivir nuestro pacto bautismal. Donde vemos patrones pecaminosos o sin amor, se nos pide que los nombremos y le pedimos perdón a Dios y a los demás. Una vez que hemos confrontado nuestra pecaminosidad y vuelto nuestra mente y corazones a Dios una vez más, entonces estamos en una posición, como Jesús, para proclamar las buenas nuevas del amor, la misericordia y la fidelidad de Dios.

Ese amor se manifiesta en nuestra primera lectura del Génesis en la que Dios se arrepiente de destruir el mundo por las aguas de la inundación y renueva una vez más el pacto eterno y la relación de amor con toda la creación a través de la persona de Noé y su familia. El Salmo responsorial 24 nos pide afirmar la realidad de que "Tus sendas, Señor, son misericordia y lealtad, para los que guardan tu alianza". La

fidelidad del pacto nos permite vivir y proclamar las buenas nuevas de Dios en todas nuestras acciones y encuentros. La segunda lectura de 1 Pedro afirma que la misión de Cristo y el consiguiente sufrimiento se cumplieron para que él nos pudiera llevar una vez más a una relación íntima con Dios.

En esta Cuaresma, ¿cómo hará tiempo para reflexionar sobre su relación de pacto con Dios? ¿Cómo escudriñará su vida para estar mejor equipado para vivir y proclamar las buenas nuevas de Dios? La oración, el ayuno y la limosna han demostrado ser formas efectivas de examinar nuestras vidas y llevamos hacia un mayor cuidado, atención y preocupación por los demás.

¿Qué hará esta Cuaresma para renovarse y volver a comprometerse con sus promesas bautismales? Renunciar a algo podría ser útil. Pero hacer algo concreto para mostrar preocupación por los demás podría ser una excelente manera de proclamar la presencia del reino de Dios y las buenas nuevas entre nosotros.

Con Jesús, entremos en nuestra experiencia Cuaresmal de cuarenta días profundizando e intensificando nuestra relación de amor con Dios y toda la creación.

Biagio Mazza
Asociado Pastoral

Lecturas



Lecturas del Domingo, 18 de Febrero

Primera Lectura: Génesis 9:8-15
Salmo: Salmo 24:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9
Segunda Lectura: 1 Pedro 3:18-22
Evangelio: Marcos 1:12-15

Lecturas del Domingo, 25 de Febrero

Primera Lectura: Génesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18
Salmo: Salmo 115:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19
Segunda Lectura: Romanos 8:31b-34
Evangelio: Marcos 9:2-10

Ministerio Juvenil

Oportunidades para Voluntarios

Uplift Org. Si le gustaría llevar comidas a las personas sin hogar en el 4° o 5° 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 4° 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 26 de febrero.

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 15 de marzo de 6-8 pm. Si desea ser voluntario, llame ó 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 21 de febrero. Contacte a Berenice Zayas en la oficina parroquial para más información. 816-979-3150.

Noticias Juveniles

Donas los Jueves por la Mañana! Cada jueves 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 6:55am para que los jóvenes pasen antes de la escuela.

La Próxima Noche de Padrinos para la Confirmación es el 21 de febrero, 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

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- 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 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 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 - 10 de Marzo

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.

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No se ofrece cuidado de niños.

Retiro para Quinceañeras

Nuestro retiro anual de quinceañeras para las niñas se llevará a cabo el sábado, 10 de Marzo, desde las 10:00am hasta las 4:00pm en el Salón Parroquial de Santa Sabina. Este retiro es para preparar a las jóvenes para su Quinceañera, así como también sirve de oportunidad para que todas las niñas de 14 años o más exploren su fe y compartan las alegrías de ser una joven católica. Hojas para registrarse están disponibles en nuestra página web: www.stsabinaparish.org/permission-slips/ y en el espacio de reunión.



Información y Corresponsabilidad

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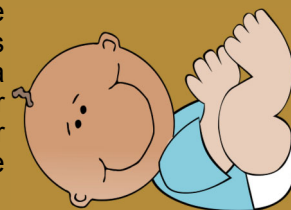
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Colecta de Pañales—24 de Feb-4 de Mar

¿Sabía que a 1 de cada 5 madres ha extendido la cantidad de tiempo que dejan a sus bebés en pañales mojados o sucios? Únase al equipo Ama al Próximo de Sta. Sabina para colaborar con el programa Baby Grace para ayudar a las familias de nuestra comunidad que forman parte de esta estadística.

Baby Grace comenzó hace casi 11 años ofreciendo ayuda y apoyo a madres adolescentes por Juli Youcum, Anne Farmer y un grupo de voluntarios. Ha florecido mucho más de lo que Juli y Anne pensaban que sería. Actualmente hay 18 capítulos que sirven a diferentes áreas de Missouri. Todos los capítulos se ejecutan de manera diferente, bajo el amparo de que una madre no será juzgada por alguien que se ofrezca como voluntario en ese capítulo. La misión de Baby Grace es compartir el amor y la gracia de Dios al ofrecer apoyo y desarrollo material, emocional y espiritual para familias con niños pequeños.

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Primer Domingo de Cuaresma

18 de Febrero del 2018