

Saint Sabina Catholic Church

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



Congratulations Genevieve, daughter of Tyler and Gabrielle who was baptized last Sunday!

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**

"Single-Hearted for God" is a new program at St. Sabina for unmarried adults. This program is to aid unmarried Catholics of all ages to discern ways to serve Christ and the Church as a single adult. An unmarried vocation is unique in all the Church and we will explore many ways to go forward with purpose. All men and women who are single, widowed, and divorced are welcome. We will meet on Tuesday nights during Lent. Please sign up in the gathering space, or email the office or Deacon Mike.

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 19, 2017

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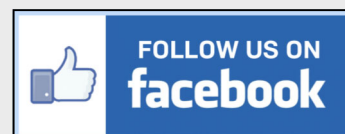
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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Intentions for February 20-24, 2017

Mon.	8am	COMMUNION SERVICE
Tues.	6pm	†Chris Hirt
Wed.	11am	†Gloria Pinksaw (Carnegie Village)
Thurs.	8am	†Efraín Benitez Aguirre
Fri.	8am	†Hilda Burchett

Saturday, February 25, 2017

4:00pm †Christine Carr

Sunday, February 26, 2017

8:00am	†Janet Blakey
10:30am	†Bob McDonald
12:30pm Spanish	†Salvador Sanchez
	Intenciones de la Familia Parroquial

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

†**Dorothy Seidle**, mother of Mark Avery, Kirk Avery, Erik Avery, and Michele Avery

†**Gloria Pinksaw**, mother of Cathy Parsley

†**Efrain Benitez Aguirre**, hermano de Guadalupe, Aracely y Otilio Benitez Aguirre



Calendar/Parish Information

Sunday, February 19 - Domingo, 19 de Febrero

Donut Sunday—4th Grade

9:00am PSR/Parents Lounge

11:00am Escuela de Religión

11:00am Ensayo del Coro Hispano

7:00pm High School and Confirmation Youth

Monday, February 20 - Lunes, 20 de Febrero

7:00pm Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts

7:00pm Talleres de Oración y Vida

Tuesday, February 21 - Martes, 21 de Febrero

7:00am Youth Prayer Group

6:00pm Healthy Lifestyle Class

6:30pm Finance Council Meeting

7:00pm ESL/Ingles Como la Segunda Lengua

7:00pm Green Team Meeting

7:00pm SINE

Wednesday, February 22 - Miércoles, 22 de Febrero

9:00am Legion of Mary

11:00am Mass at Carnegie Village

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

Thursday, February 23 - Jueves, 23 de Febrero

9:30am Quilters

12:00pm Over 55 Mardi Gras Party

7:00pm RCIA/RICA

Friday, February 24 - Viernes, 24 de Febrero

5:00pm Wedding Rehearsal—Lager/West

Saturday, February 25 - Sábado, 25 de Febrero

3:00pm Confessions

6:00pm Wedding—Nick Lager and Amanda West

Sunday, February 26 - Domingo, 26 de Febrero

9:00am PSR/Parents Lounge

10:30am Bible Study

11:00am Escuela de Religión

11:00am Ensayo del Coro Hispano

Romero Celebration-March 11th-6:00pm

On Saturday, March 11 our Salvadoran Community will host our parish's annual celebration in honor of Blessed Bishop Oscar Romero. Mass will begin at 6:00pm and **Fr. José Angel Renderos will celebrate the Mass. Bishop James Johnston will be in attendance.**

Fr. Angel is the pastor of the parish of Santa Ana in San Salvador. He is also the director of Centro Escolar Católico Santa Ana and he is a co-founder of the Bishop Romero Association in El Salvador. He was ordained on March 9, 1986. Padre Angel visited St. Sabina in 2012 and celebrated Mass in honor of Mons. Oscar Romero. We are delighted to have him return.

Blessed Óscar Arnulfo Romero (August 15, 1917 - March 24, 1980) was a prominent Roman Catholic priest in El Salvador during the 1960s and 1970s, becoming Archbishop of San Salvador in 1977. After witnessing numerous violations of human rights, he began to speak out on behalf of the poor and the victims of repression. This led to numerous conflicts, both with the government in El Salvador and within the Catholic Church. After speaking out against U.S. military support for the government of El Salvador, and calling for soldiers to disobey orders to fire on innocent civilians, Archbishop Romero was shot dead while celebrating Mass at the small chapel of the cancer hospital where he lived.

Baking for Funeral Luncheons

If you would like to be on our calling list to prepare side dishes, salads and desserts for our funeral luncheons, please contact Kris at 816-979-3151 or kris@stsabinaparish.org. Thanks for all who continue to bring in dishes for our funeral luncheons!

Wanted: Yarn

Please bring in your new or leftover skeins of any yarn for a knitter who would like to make warm items for our homeless brothers and sisters of Belton. A basket will be in the gathering space for a few weeks, where you may place your yarn donations. Thank you!

Community Garden Workday Saturday, March 4

10am-1pm: Help prepare the beds for spring planting. Bring rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows and work gloves. Great for service hours. Contact David Pierce 816-392-1110 or Michelle Rose 919-624-4407 for more info.

Formation of a Care Team

St. Sabina's Project Love Thy Neighbor is recruiting volunteers to serve on a care team. Duties would include delivering meals and cards to parishioners in need. If you are interested in serving in this ministry, please contact Bridget Hernandez at 816-979-3159 or bridget@stsabinaparish.org.



Parish Happenings

Stations

The musical dramaturgy STATIONS will be performed in the sanctuary of our church on Friday, March 31st, at 7pm. All are invited to attend and be a part of a unique Lenten worship experience. STATIONS is presented by THEATRE AT VIS, a ministry of Visitation Church. The theatre group has toured the show throughout the diocese and regionally for many years and has received wide acceptance and acclaim. STATIONS was written by Paul Novosel and Father Robert Murphy, a Kansas City/St. Joseph diocesan priest. Admission is free and all ages are encouraged to attend. Doors will open 30 minutes prior to the performance.

Green Team Tip of the Week

A home energy audit can show you how to save energy and money. Find certified professionals at <http://www.metroenergy.org/index.php/building-performance/>

Over 55

February Gathering—February 23rd

Our Over 55 group will gather on Thursday, February 23 at noon for a Mardi Gras Meal. Our menu includes red beans and rice, filet gumbo, cornbread, beignet and a King's Cake. Please RSVP to the parish office at 816-331-4713 if you would like to come.

New Theatre Restaurant

The next show we will be seeing at the New Theatre Restaurant is *Boeing-Boeing* starring Debra Jo Rupp on Thursday, April 20th at 6:00pm. Tickets are \$49 each. If you would like to go, please contact Bridget Hernandez at 816-979-3159 with the number of tickets you will need by Tuesday, March 14th.

Heydi and Evelyn visit St. Sabina!



Area Information

Rachel's Vineyard: Healing the Pain of Abortion, One Weekend at a Time



Jesus said, "Whoever comes to me will never hunger and whoever believes in me will never thirst." Anyone who is suffering from an abortion decision is invited to come and experience the True Bread from heaven and drink from the well

that never runs dry. Rachel's Vineyard retreats are all about healing the pain of abortion one weekend at a time. The next Kansas City retreat is on February 24-26, 2017. Please call (816) 679-4973 or email rvkcmo@gmail.com for confidential information and to start the healing.

A Special Announcement for Married Couples



The car gets a tune up. The house gets a painting. The job gets our all. When is there time to "brush up" on US? Carve out the time you so richly deserve and attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekend in Kansas City is: April 28-30, 2017

For more information or to apply, please visit our website: www.wwme4youandme.org or call Tony & Barb Zimmerman, 816-741-4066 or email tonybarbz@prodigy.net

Contemporary Spirituality Speaker Series

Fear and Her Many Children: Dealing with Religious and Moral Fear

Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI

Saturday, March 18, 2017 – Bishop Miege High School, 9:00 am. – 4:00 pm



Ronald Rolheiser, Catholic priest and member of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, is president of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, Texas. With an M.A. from the University of San Francisco, an M.R.Sc. and PhD/STD from the University of Louvain, Belgium, he taught theology and philosophy at Newman Theological College

(Edmonton), was Provincial Superior of his Oblate Province in Canada, and then served on the Oblate General Council in Rome. A community-builder, lecturer, and writer, his books have been translated into numerous languages and his newspaper column carried by more than 80 newspapers worldwide.

(Admission – including lunch: \$55)

happy birthday

Gene Adams	Elizebeth Giacone	Walter Obermeier
Kayla Almendarez	Kathryn Giacone	Kathleen Owen
Dylan Arenivas	Maria Guardado	Richard Owen
Pedro Arreola	Monica Guillermo	Gary Palmer
Alicia Atkinson	Matthew Haefele	Sara Palomares
Angel Ayala	Penny Hammack	Matthew Pannell
Jamie Ayers	Larry Hart	Melinda Pickens
Jayden Baker	Jeanne Hermsmeier	Roger Poole
Frank Barberis	Delia Hernandez	Leona Ragsdale
Briseyda Basurto	Ofelia Hidalgo	Sanjuana Ramirez
Valmer Bays	Aaron Howard	George Rewald
Bonnie Becker	Maria Jaime	Leonel Reyes
Allison Benavides	Jon Kirchhoff	Faustino Rocha
Brenda Bremer	Mary Kottenbrock	Oscar Rosales
Maxine Bremer	Adrian Lopez	Sophia Sadaro
Cruz Imelda Bretado	Jenny Lopez	Destiny Salinas
Katie Brown	Maria Lopez	James Sedlock
Colin Burdick	Tiffany Mayerchack	Celia Squires
Adrian Cartagena	Chad McDaniel	Gabrielle Stoddard
Jose Castillo	Emily Medina	Norman Stoddard
Luis Castro	Yalesia Medina	Ryan Theobald
Martha Cedillo	Maria Medrano	Jessica Tollie
Tom Coovert	Angie Mendez	Yendi Trejo
Dulce Coreas	Clarora Miller	Esteban Varela
Miguel Duran	Theodore Miller	Jairo Vazquez
Genevieve Dvorak	Kimberly Mina	Alyssa Villanueva
Sandra Escobar Chavez	Kendall Mittelstadt	Daniel Villanueva
Ahtziri Espejel	Ashton Mizell	Kevin Washam
Sara Estrella	José Moreno	Jordan Wilson
Mary Jo Fischer	Miya Murtha	Angelie Yanez
Dania Flores	Emma Muzic	Bernie Yoksh Jr.
Heriberto Fuentes	Michael Naughton	Angel Zarco
Alejandro Garcia	José Nunez	

Happy Anniversary

William and Mary Winkert	43 Years!	02-23-1974
Jose Medina and Maria Gonzalez	29 Years!	02-24-1988
Francisco and Vilma Salinas	22 Years!	02-25-1995
Gabriel and Maricela Pinon	12 Years!	02-26-2005

Wedding Congratulations

Congratulations to Nick Lager and Amanda West who will marry on February 25th!



Pastoral Care

Nursing Home Mass Schedule

Feb 22 11:00am Carnegie Village
Mar 1 10:30am Beautiful Savior (Communion Service)
Mar 8 10:00am Rehab. Center of Raymore

Have You Ever Thought About What You Want Spiritually and Medically for the End of Life?

Join us Tuesday, March 7th from 6:30-8:00pm in the parish hall for **"Catholic Spiritual Care for End of Life: The Importance of Decision-Making."** It's a difficult discussion but planning helps ensure that your wishes are honored. It also makes it easier on loved ones who may be asked to make those hard decisions about your care. Presented by Catholic Community Hospice the panel features Dr. Catherine Powers, M.D., followed by an opportunity for questions. Also, the first 30 people to arrive will receive a free copy of the book "Now and At the Hour of Our Death" which explores end of life concerns, includes information on medical decisions, and Catholic funeral planning. Please RSVP to Marta Roper in the parish office 979-3154 or marta@stsabinaparish.org.

Anointing of the Sick

If you have an upcoming surgery scheduled and would like to receive the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick prior to your surgery, please contact Marta Roper at 816-979-3154 to schedule a time after a weekend Mass, or to make an appointment.



Prayer Requests/Peticiones de Oración

Perry Allen	William Glenn	Gary Palmer
Marilyn Avalos	Karen Grantham	Thelma Palmer
Suzie Ashbaugh	Lucy Harlan	Justin Putnam
Polleth Bautista	Devin Thomas Harley	Patricia Rellihan
Nikki Barrett	Laverne Harlow	Yvonne Salmon
John Bidondo	Jason Hart	Shelline Smoot
Allie Biondo	Jeanette Hart	Jim Storm
David Bland	Amber Hartenbower	Leo Storm
Rick Castenada	Cherie Hatfield	Mary Jane Storm
Shirley Castor	Essie Humbird	Berta Alicia Talbora
Barbara Clark	Jerry Keating	Jean Tate
Kristen Conner	Bertha Kramer	Ruth Tayler
Joseph Coots	Kelsey Krum	Angel Thomas
Donna Dailey	Glen Lewis	Nancy Torres
Paul DeMar	Debbie Locke	Senny Vigil
Nolan Dickerson	Jo Locke	Rose Wall
Frances DiGeorge	Dick Martin	Mary Westfall
Patrick Dull	Dodie Maurer	Marie Wilburn
Terry Eppert	Denise Mehlo	Ben Winter
Butch Ford	Alice Miller	Brenda Winter
Fr. Paul Frank	Joan Muench	Merle Woolworth
Emily Frezza	Mona Neighbors	Truly Wright
Dick Garnier	Bella Nouryeh	Carmitia Yust
Cristian Garcia	Jane Nouryeh	Pablo Zayas
Nicholas Geridano	Leon Palomares	

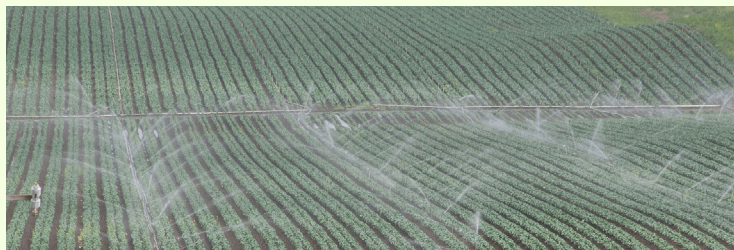
If You Are Hospitalized And Want Us To Know...

If you are hospitalized and would like us to know, please call or have a family member call us. Due to privacy laws hospitals cannot contact us unless you request they call. Contact Marta Roper at 816-979-3154 or marta@stsabinaparish.org.

Wellness Center

Greens and Diabetes

Here's another reason to hit the salad bar: Greens decrease your risk for diabetes. In a large European report that weighed fruit and veggie consumption against diabetes risk, the strongest positive relationship was observed with leafy greens: Nine servings a week was associated with a 16 percent reduced risk compared with consuming a serving or less. Why? One hypothesis points to magnesium (greens are rich in the mineral), which has been shown to help regulate glucose and, as a result, may lower diabetes risk. How's that Popeye!!



Wellness Center Class Schedule

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

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

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

Thursday: Stretch & Strength 1-2pm
Gentle Stretch & Strength 2-3pm
Circuit Training 6-7pm

Friday: Intermediate Yoga 1-2pm
Gentle Yoga 2-3pm



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, please 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 February 27th



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 16th, 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 March 15th. Contact Berenice Zayas in the parish office for more information or to sign up. Phone: 816-979-3150 or email: berenice@stsabinaparish.org.

High School and Confirmation Youth!

Your next meetings will be February 19th and March 5th at 7pm. Confirmation Sponsor Night will be March 15th at 7pm.

Junior High Youth!

Your next meetings will be March 8th and 22nd at 7pm.

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@dioceseksj.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/>



Last weekend, our confirmation youth participated in the Search Retreat as part of their formation and preparation for confirmation.



Stewardship

“You have heard that it was said, “You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.” But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what recompense will you have? Do not the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brothers only, what is unusual about that? Do not the pagans do the same? So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

Matthew 5: 43-48

There is no way, of course, that we can be as holy as God is. God is divine, not human, and thus His Holiness is above and way beyond our capabilities. What God is saying to us though is that we do need to strive for holiness. We often speak of our call to holiness and how we can try to achieve that. One way is to embrace stewardship and all it entails as a way of life. Will that make us holy like the Lord? No, but it does mean that we need to comprehend that it is God and God's wisdom we must embrace and follow. Holiness for us means we need to attempt to separate ourselves from those things and thoughts and ideas which can be viewed as not holy in the Eyes of God. Yes, it is impossible for us, but yet that is what we must try to do. — See more at www.catholicsteward.com/blog/

February 12th Contributions

Envelopes/Sobres:	\$8,728.54
Plate/Canasta:	\$ 775.92
Maintenance-Upkeep:	\$ 541.85

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.stsabina.org, click the “Online Giving” button in the top right section and fill out the online contribution form.

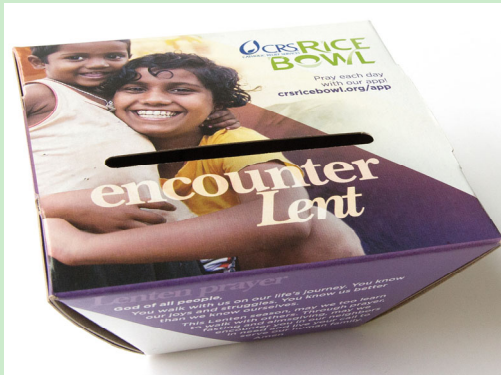
Leave a Legacy

Prepare or amend your living will or living trust, naming charities that have made a difference in your life.

“I give, devise, and bequeath to St. Sabina Parish, 700 Trevis Avenue, Belton, MO 64012 ___% of my estate or \$___ sum of money, or “described” property to be used for its general purposes, as part of the Catholic Diocese of Kansas City/St. Joseph.”

Encounter Lent

Join our faith community— and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up



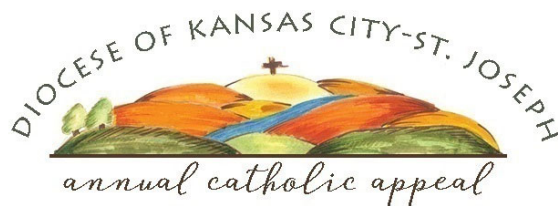
your family's CRS Rice Bowl from the gathering space on February 18th/19th, and don't forget to download the CRS Rice Bowl app! May these 40 days better prepare us to encounter ourselves, our neighbors and our God.

Second Collection for Catholic Charities Emergency Assistance Fund—Feb 19

If a neighbor came to you in need, you would find a way to help him out. We meet neighbors everyday who are in crisis and in need. Those in crisis and needing emergency assistance are working families, veterans and grandparents just like us. Last year, your support of the Catholic Charities Emergency Assistance Fund purchased diapers, bus passes and paid utility bills. Donations are accepted online at www.cceaf2017.org or during the second collection on February 18th and 19th.

Save the Date for our Parish Auction - Apr 21

Save the date of Friday, April 21st for our parish auction to raise funds for our parish!! More details to follow in the coming weeks.

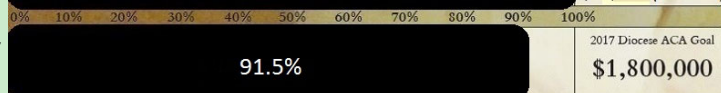


12% Participation

115%

Parish Goal
\$18,795

\$21,638 (received)



Reflection on the Readings



This Sunday, we continue our reflections on Matthew's Sermon on the Mount by focusing on Jesus' directive "to be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect." The readings help us understand what is involved in following through on Jesus' challenge. The refrain from Responsorial Psalm 103 invites us to sing of God's essential identity and primary qualities, "The Lord is kind and merciful."

Psalm 103 is a song of praise and deep gratitude to God for continuing to manifest forgiveness and compassion towards all. It reiterates the creedal statement used by Jews whenever they articulate their understanding of God. That creedal statement richly proclaims that "Merciful and gracious is the Lord, slow to anger and abounding in kindness."

The Hebrew word for "kindness" is *hesed*, best understood as the faithful covenant love of God that is deep, strong and endures forever. God's *hesed* is a model for the way we are called to respond to God, and the way we are to deal with one another. The Hebrew word for the "compassion" of God is *rahimim*, with its source in the Hebrew word *rahem*, meaning "womb."

By making such a connection, the psalm clearly states that God's *hesed*, God's enduring, faithful love is similar to a mother's love for the child of her womb. God's faithful love is best expressed in mercy and compassion akin to a mother's love. Jesus calls us to love and be compassionate towards all as God loves and

is compassionate towards us.

The first reading from Leviticus states Jesus' directive with the words "Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy." Treating others the way we would want to be treated begins to get at the intention that God had in mind in creating us. From the beginning, God knew that "it is not good for the human being to be alone." We are created and hard wired for community. In Leviticus, the guidelines for living like God are summed up in the command to "love your neighbor as yourself." Why? Because "I am the Lord" says Leviticus. God essentially states that this is the way that I am, and if you are in relationship with me, this is the way that I ask you to be.

The second reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians picks up this same theme from a different perspective. Paul talks of the community of believers as the very "temple of God." God dwells no longer in a building, but in the community of those who believe and choose to enter into loving relationship with God.

Consequently, if we are living expressions of God's presence to others, it is essential that we manifest that in our thoughts and actions. We do that by taking on the wisdom of God, modeling ourselves on Jesus, who came to model for us

how to be "perfect" as God is perfect. By belonging to Christ, who belongs to God, we confess and practice that we belong to one another, and consequently we treat all in the same manner that God has dealt with us in Christ.

Jesus, in the gospel selection from Matthew's Sermon on the Mount, takes our God modeling even further. In typical rabbinic fashion, Jesus interprets and expands on the intent of the law as it applied to matters of retaliation towards others who would wish us harm. Jesus clearly states that to be holy and perfect like God, it is not enough to love your neighbor as yourself. You are to "love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." Why? Because you are to be as non-judgmental and non-prejudicial as God "who makes...the sun rise on the bad and the good and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust." As God treats all equally with love, mercy and compassion, so must we.

As you reflect on the readings this week, challenge yourself to treat all equally, with enduring love, mercy and compassion. In this fashion we concretize Jesus' life style and values in our lives, and in the process work on "being perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

Biagio Mazza,
Pastoral Associate

Readings



Sunday, February 19

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

Sunday, February 26

1st Reading: Isaiah 49:14-15

Psalm: Psalm 62:2-33, 6-7, 8-9 (6a)

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 6:24-34

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 February 26th and March 12th at 10:30am.** All are welcome. Bring a Bible and a friend. To register for these sessions, please call Biagio at 816-979-3153.



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Reflexión Sobre las Lecturas



Este domingo, continuamos nuestras reflexiones sobre el Sermón del Monte de Mateo, enfocándonos en la directriz de Jesús de que "sean perfectos, como su Padre celestial es perfecto". Las lecturas nos ayudan a entender lo que implica el seguimiento del desafío de Jesús. El refrán del Salmo responsorial nos invita a

cantar de la identidad esencial y las cualidades primordiales de Dios: "El Señor es compasivo y misericordioso".

El Salmo 102 es una canción de alabanza y profunda gratitud a Dios por continuar manifestar perdón y compasión hacia todos. Reitera la declaración de credo utilizada por los judíos cada vez que articulan su entendimiento de Dios. Esa declaración de credo proclama ricamente que "Misericordioso y clemente es el Señor, lento para la ira y abundante en la bondad".

La palabra hebrea para "bondad" es hesed, mejor entendida como el amor fiel del pacto de Dios que es profundo, fuerte y perdura para siempre. El hesed de Dios es un modelo para la manera en que estamos llamados a responder a Dios, y la manera en que debemos tratar unos a otros. La palabra hebrea para la "compasión" de Dios es rahimim, con su fuente en la palabra hebrea rahem, que significa "vientre".

Al hacer tal conexión, el salmo indica claramente que el hesed de Dios, el amor perdurable y fiel de Dios es similar al amor de una madre por el hijo de su vientre. El amor fiel de Dios se expresa mejor en misericordia y compasión semejante al amor de una madre. Jesús nos llama a amar y ser compasivo hacia todos como Dios ama y es compasivo hacia nosotros.

La primera lectura de Levítico establece la directiva de Jesús con las palabras: "Sean santos, porque yo, el Señor, soy santo". Tratar a los demás de la manera en que querríamos ser tratados comienza a llegar a la intención que Dios tenía en mente al crearnos. Desde el principio, Dios sabía que "no es bueno para el ser humano estar solo". Somos creados y conectados para ser una comunidad. En Levítico, las normas para vivir como Dios se resumen en el mandamiento de "amar a tu prójimo como a ti mismo". ¿Por qué? Porque "Yo soy el Señor" dice Levítico. Dios esencialmente afirma que así soy yo, y si estás en relación conmigo, así te pido que seas.

La segunda lectura de la primera carta de Pablo a los

Corintios recoge este mismo tema desde una perspectiva diferente. Pablo habla de la comunidad de creyentes como el "templo de Dios". Dios no mora más en un edificio, sino en la comunidad de aquellos que creen y eligen entrar en una relación amorosa con Dios.

En consecuencia, si somos expresiones vivas de la presencia de Dios a los demás, es esencial que manifestemos eso en nuestros pensamientos y acciones. Lo hacemos asumiendo la sabiduría de Dios, modelándonos en Jesús, que vino a modelar para nosotros cómo ser "perfectos" como Dios es perfecto. Al pertenecer a Cristo, quien pertenece a Dios, confesamos y practicamos que pertenecemos unos a otros, y así tratamos a todos de la misma manera que Dios nos ha tratado en Cristo.

Jesús, en la selección del evangelio del Sermón del Monte de Mateo, lleva mas allá a nuestro modelo de Dios. De manera típica rabínica, Jesús interpreta y expande la intención de la ley cuando se aplica a los asuntos de represalia hacia otros que nos desearían daño. Jesús claramente declara que para ser santo y perfecto como Dios, no es suficiente amar a tu prójimo como a ti mismo. Debe "amar a sus enemigos y rogar por los que le persiguen". ¿Por qué? Porque usted debe ser no crítico y no prejuicioso así como Dios "que hace salir su sol sobre los buenos y los malos y manda su lluvia sobre los justos y los injustos". Como Dios trata a todos igualmente con amor, misericordia y compasión, nosotros también.

Al reflexionar sobre las lecturas de esta semana, desafíese a tratar a todos por igual, con amor, compasión y misericordia duradera. De esta manera concretamos el estilo de vida y los valores de Jesús en nuestras vidas, y en el proceso trabajamos en "ser perfectos, como el Padre celestial es perfecto".

Biagio Mazza,
Asociado Pastoral

Lecturas



Lecturas del Domingo, 19 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

Lecturas del Domingo, 26 de Febrero

Primera Lectura: Isaías 49:15-15

Salmo: Salmo 61:2-3, 6-7, 8-9ab

Segunda Lectura: 1 Corintios 4:1-5

Evangelio: Mateo 6:24-34

Ministerio Juvenil

Oportunidades para Voluntarios

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

Cocineros de Uplift! Cualquier persona que le gustaría ayudar a preparar una comida para las personas sin hogar está bienvenido a unirse a nuestro equipo en el 4º Lunes de cada mes a las 10am en el gimnasio. Le recomendamos que traiga un cuchillo y pelador de verduras buenos. El próximo día de cocinar es el 27 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 16 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 15 de marzo. Contacte a Berenice Zayas en la oficina parroquial para más información. 816-979-3150

¡Jóvenes de Junior High! Sus próximas reuniones serán los días 8 y 15 de Marzo a las 7pm.

¡Jóvenes de High School y Confirmación! Sus próximas reuniones serán los días 19 de febrero y 5 de marzo a las 7pm. La Noche de Padrinos para la Confirmación será el 15 de marzo a las 7pm.



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, ó 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 Victimas, 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/>



El fin de semana pasado, nuestros jóvenes de la confirmación participaron en su Retiro Search como parte de su formación y preparación para la confirmación.



Corresponsabilidad/Información

Donaciones por Internet

Sta. Sabina ofrece una opción de donar en línea para los feligreses y visitantes. Esta es una manera fácil, y segura de contribuir por internet. Para establecer una contribución única ó recurrente: visite nuestro sitio web de la parroquia en www.stsabina.org, haga clic en el botón "Online Giving" en la parte superior derecha y llene el formulario de contribución en línea.



Un Encuentro con la Cuaresma

Únase a nuestra comunidad de fe—y a casi 14,000 comunidades católicas en los EE.UU.—en una jornada Cuaresmal de encuentro que cambia vidas con Plato de Arroz de CRS. Consiga el Plato de Arroz de CRS de su familia en el espacio de reunión el 19 de febrero, ¡y no olvide descargar la aplicación CRS Plato de Arroz! Que estos 40 días nos preparen mejor para salir al encuentro de nosotros mismos, nuestro prójimo y nuestro Dios.

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Prepare o modifique su testamento, nombrando organizaciones benéficas que han marcado una diferencia en su vida:

"I give, devise, and bequeath to St. Sabina Parish, 700 Trevis Avenue, Belton, MO 64012 ___% of my estate or \$___ sum of money, or "described" property to be used for its general purposes, as part of the Catholic Diocese of Kansas City/St. Joseph."

Celebración Romero - 11 de Marzo - 6pm

El sábado, 11 de Marzo nuestra comunidad Salvadoreña será el anfitrión de la celebración anual de nuestra parroquia en honor del Beato Obispo Oscar Romero. La Misa comenzará a las 6pm y **el Padre José Angel Renderos celebrará la Misa. Nuestro Obispo Santiago Johnston asistirá.**

El P. Angel es el párroco de la parroquia de Sta. Ana en San Salvador. También es director del Centro Escolar Católico Santa Ana y cofundador de la Asociación Obispo Romero en El Salvador. Fue ordenado el 9 de marzo de 1986. El Padre Ángel visitó Sta. Sabina en 2012 y celebró la Misa en honor de Mons. Oscar Romero. Estamos encantados de tenerlo de regreso.

El Beato Óscar Arnulfo Romero (15 de Agosto, 1917 a 24 de Marzo, 1980) fue un prominente sacerdote católico en El Salvador durante los años 1960 y 1970, llegando a ser Arzobispo de San Salvador, en 1977. Después de ser testigo de numerosas violaciones de los derechos humanos, empezó a hablar en nombre de los pobres y las víctimas de la represión. Esto dio lugar a numerosos conflictos, tanto con el gobierno de El Salvador y dentro de la Iglesia Católica. Después de hablar en contra del apoyo militar de los EE.UU. al gobierno de El Salvador, y llamando a los soldados a desobedecer las órdenes de disparar contra civiles inocentes, el Arzobispo Romero fue asesinado mientras celebraba Misa en la pequeña capilla del hospital de cáncer donde vivía.

Platicas Pre-Bautismales-11 de Marzo

Normalmente cada segundo Sábado del mes de las 10 am a 1 pm (Sólo para Niños de 0-6 años) Salón de juntas. Sótano de la Parroquia. Para niños mayores de 7 años requerirán una formación especial. Infórmese **PRÓXIMOS BAUTISMOS:** llamar a Kris al 816-979-3151 Favor de llenar su aplicación para asistir a las platicas con anterioridad. **No se ofrece cuidado de niños.**

Stations (Vía Crucis)

La dramaturgia musical STATIONS se realizará en el santuario de nuestra iglesia el viernes 31 de marzo a las 7pm. Todos están invitados a asistir y ser parte de una experiencia de adoración cuaresmal única. STATIONS es presentado por THEATRE AT VIS, un ministerio de Visitation Church. El grupo de teatro ha recorrido el espectáculo a través de la diócesis y regionalmente durante muchos años y ha recibido una amplia aceptación y aclamación. STATIONS fue escrito por Paul Novosel y el Padre Robert Murphy, sacerdote diocesano de Kansas City/St. Joseph. La entrada es gratuita y se anima a todos, sin importar la edad, a asistir. Las puertas se abrirán 30 minutos antes de la actuación. Esta obra se presentará en Inglés, pero habrán programas en Español. Ese día no haremos el Vía Crucis en Español.



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En esta foto aparecen Jose, Francisca y Marisol llevando el ofertorio en la Misa el 5 de febrero.

Horarios de Misa

Sábado: 4:00pm en Ingles

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

Confesiones: Sábados, 3:00-3:30pm

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El 'Proyecto de Sta. Sabina Ama al Próximo' está solicitando voluntarios para servir en un equipo de atención. Los deberes incluirían entregar comidas y tarjetas a los feligreses que lo necesiten. Si está interesado en servir en este ministerio, por favor comuníquese con Bridget Hernández al 816-979-3159 o bridget@stsabinaparish.org.

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19 de Febrero del 2017