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



Congratulations to Sage Stone and Kayla Roper who were married on March 1st!



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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 times.**

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 11, 2018

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Intentions for March 12-16, 2018

Mon.	8am	Communion Service
Tues.	6pm	†Olive Belter
Wed.	10am	†Betty Sue Mack (Redwood of Raymore)
Thurs.	8am	†Felix Suwito
Fri.	8am	†June Dolensek

Saturday, March 17, 2018

4:00pm	†Lola Barrios
	†Glen A Callahan

Sunday, March 18, 2018

8:00am	Intentions of the Parish Family
	†Arlene Guss
10:30am	†Patrick Bates
12:30pm Spanish	†Celia Zavala Gonzalez
	†Luis Alonzo Rodriguez

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

†**Arlene Guss**, mother of Greg Guss, Donna Shearer, Bill Guss, John Guss and Linda Guss

†**Marilyn Bantrop**, mother of Denise Gates

†**June Dolensek**, sister of Earl Puls

†**Patrick Bates**, husband of Francine Bates

†**Olive Belter**, mother of Lynn Hillebrand

†**Elaine Amfahr**, step-mother of Dale Amfahr



Calendar/Parish Happenings

Sunday, March 11 - Domingo, 11 de Marzo

Altar Society Crucifix Sale

CRS Appeal

9:00am PSR/Parents Lounge

11:00am Escuela de Religión

Monday, March 12 - Lunes, 12 de Marzo

7:00pm Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts

7:00pm Pequeñas Comunidades Cristianas

7:00pm Talleres de Oración y Vida

Tuesday, March 13 - Martes, 13 de Marzo

7:00pm ESL/Inglés Como Segunda Lengua

7:00pm Green Team Meeting

7:00pm Living Stones

7:00pm Ladies Auxiliary Meeting

7:00pm Lenten Reconciliation Service

Wednesday, March 14 - Miércoles, 14 de Marzo

9:00am Legion of Mary

10:00am Mass at Redwood of Raymore

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

7:00pm Faith Formation Offering—John's Gospel

7:00pm Confirmation Sponsor Night

7:00pm Love Thy Neighbor Meeting

Thursday, March 15 - Jueves, 15 de Marzo

6:55am High School Youth Prayer Breakfast

9:30am Quilters

10:00am Faith Formation Offering—John's Gospel

7:00pm Baptism Prep

7:00pm RCIA/RICA

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

Friday, March 16 - Viernes, 16 de Marzo

5:00pm Fish Fry

6:30pm Stations of the Cross

7:00pm Via Crucis

Saturday, March 17 - Sábado, 17 de Marzo

3:00pm Confessions

5:00pm St. Joseph Table

Sunday, March 18 - Domingo, 18 de Marzo

8:00am Blood Drive

9:00am St. Joseph Table

9:00am PSR/Parents Lounge

10:30am Bible Study

11:00am Ensayo del Coro Hispano

11:00am Escuela de Religión

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RCIA-RICA



Lenten and Parish Happenings



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

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, 6pm 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

CRS Rice Bowls—Encounter Andrise

We encounter Andrise, a teacher in Haiti who knows the importance of forming young people who will give back to the community—and their country. Reflect on the role teachers have played in bringing you closer to God and your community. How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes and find safety or better opportunities? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday Mass—Thursday, March 29 at 7pm
 Adoration from 8pm-midnight
Good Friday Service—Friday, March 30 at 7pm
Easter Vigil Mass—Saturday, March 31 at 8pm
Easter Sunday Masses—We will have our regular Sunday Mass times at 8am and 10:30am in English and 12:30pm in Spanish on Sunday, April 1.

Blood Drive—March 18

Blood and its components can be used to assist with many medical procedures. People who have been in car accidents and have suffered massive blood loss may require transfusions of more than 50 pints of red blood cells. Cancer, transplant, trauma and open-heart surgery patients require platelet transfusions to survive.

Please share your gift of life with local hospital patients who need it by donating at the next Community Blood Center blood drive. The blood drive will be on Sunday, March 18, 8am-1pm in the **Parish Hall**. Make an appt. online now at esavealifenow.org and use **sponsor code: saintsabina**.

Baptism Prep - March 15 at 7pm

Baptism Preparation Class is scheduled for Thursday, March 15th at 7pm in the conference room of the parish hall. To register for this class, please contact Kris at 816-979-3151 for a baptism application, or download one from our website at <http://stsabinaparish.org/sacraments/>.

Elda's Compassion

Named after our beloved great grandmother, "Elda's Compassion" provides free clothing and accessories to children who are preparing for the sacrament of First Communion.

Thank you to the Hogan sisters for bringing their ministry to our First Communicants again this year!

Pastoral Care

Nursing Home Mass Schedule

Mar 14	10:00am	Redwood of Raymore
Mar 21	10:00am	Foxwood Springs
Mar 28	11:00am	Carnegie Village

Prayer Requests/Peticiones de Oración

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

All Are Welcome To Join Us For Our Wednesday Nursing Home Masses! (When and where is listed at the top of this page)

Help For the Heartache of Abortion

Rachel's Vineyard Upcoming Retreats

Are you suffering in silence from a past abortion? Help is available and complete confidentiality is assured. The Kansas City Retreat Weekends are: April 20-22, July 20-22, and October 26-28. For more information visit the local website www.rachelsvineyardkc.org, the international website www.rachelsvineyard.org or call 1-877-HOPE4ME.

Bulletin Prayer Request List

Parishioners who are ill, or who have a loved one who is ill, may request to have the person remembered on the Prayer Request list published in our bulletin. Names will remain on the list for two months but may be resubmitted upon request. Please remember permission must be given by the individual before the name can be published. To add or remove a name from the list contact Marta Roper, in the parish office 816-979-3154 or marta@stsabinaparish.org.

Wellness Center

Did you know that parents may be spending too much time on their cell phones and the digital distraction could be cutting into family time? Usually, it's the parents telling the children to get off their cell phones but it's also the adults who need to set their phones aside. In today's tech-driven world, this is easier said than done.

Most parents will admit that smartphones can be a very tempting way to spend their time. Visit any local park and you will observe kids running around the playground while many parents sit on the sidelines, glued to their cell phones. It is extremely important to have real, authentic face time with a child and interact the old-fashioned way.

Making time for family dinner at home is crucial and a great opportunity to put the phone down and talk and listen to children. The phone, after all, will still be there after family time.

Kids learn by role modeling, so if you want them to pay attention to you later in life, pay more attention to them now by putting down your phone.



Stewardship

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life."

John 3: 16

There are well more than 30,000 verses in the Bible as we know it, but this particular verse has been held forward as the most succinct declaration of the entire Gospel message. Yet, we may dissect all the meanings too much, but because of its brevity and its power it is worthy of a close look. "God so loved the world..." This includes all of us, the entire world; it does not limit this love to a particular group or location. "He gave..." That is what God does; He gives. We are the recipients. Stewardship is understanding that is the case, and striving to share some of those gifts. "...so that everyone who believes." This is much more than an intellectual conviction. It means to trust in God, to rely on God, and to cling to God in many ways. That is also at the basis of a stewardship way of life. We respond to God by becoming disciples and placing our total trust in Him. "...might have eternal life." The concept of eternity is beyond our ability to comprehend as humans. This is much more than living forever; it means living with God, in His glory forever. That is what we all strive for; that is why we do what we do always, not just during this Lent. — See more at www.catholicsteward.com/blog/

Contributions for March 4

Envelopes/Sobres:	\$13,742.50
Plate/Canasta:	\$ 785.90
Maintenance-Upkeep:	\$ 1,731.50

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.

Catholic Relief Services 2nd Collection - Mar 11

This week, we are taking up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to respond to Jesus in disguise. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support to struggling communities and to work toward peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Get Involved in Saint Sabina's High School Youth Scavenger Hunt

Our High School Youth Group is carrying out a scavenger hunt this Spring. Now, this isn't an ordinary scavenger hunt. What the youth will be searching for are donations! We are asking people who live in the Belton or Raymore area to help us collect donations. This is purely voluntary. All donations will be given to the Uplift Organization. Donations should not be brought to church. Please keep them at your house for the youth to come and pick up.

Stay tuned for a list of different categories of donations that Uplift needs. The youth will only accept items from the list. On the day of the scavenger hunt, you will give your donations to the youth who show up at your door first. They will hand you a decal sheet and you put it either on your door or somewhere easily visible from the outside. If they do not hand you a decal sheet then ask for one.

If you have any questions please contact Kirstie Roberts at 816-979-3155 or Kirstie@stsabinaparish.org. Sign up sheets for donors coming soon. Thank You!

Ladies Auxiliary Fundraiser

The Ladies Auxiliary is hosting a Pampered Chef fundraiser through the end of April. They will receive 15% of the proceeds from sales purchased through this link:

<https://www.pamperedchef.com/pws/dmeiron/guest-landing/9125161286811>

Community Garden Needs



The Community Garden will begin spring clean up and planting from 9 am—noon on Saturday, March 24. Please join us as we continue to feed

fresh food to the hungry in our area. For more info contact: David Pierce 816-392-1110 or Michelle Rose 919-624-4407.

Green Team Tip of the Week

Celebrity Chef Anthony Bourdain created the documentary **Wasted** to show us how to reduce the 40% of food that is wasted in America. Sign up to attend a free screening at various metro locations through March 19

<http://greenabilitymagazine.com/blog/2018/02/sign-free-screening-wasted/>

Information

Outpace Poverty Walk and Fun Run

Ready! Set! Kiss Poverty Goodbye! Attend Catholic Charities' annual Outpace Poverty Walk/Fun Run Family Festival on April 21 at Loose Park. Registration begins at 8am with a 9am start time. Visit outpacepoverty.org or text "OUTPACE" to 71777 to register.

Catholic Cemeteries Facebook Pages

Your Catholic Cemeteries have launched a Facebook page for each of our four Diocesan Cemeteries. The purpose of these pages is to keep our Catholic community, friends and family, better informed of events and special dates. A Facebook page has been established for each of our 4 cemeteries, St. Mary's, Mount Olivet Kansas City, Resurrection and Mount Olivet in St. Joseph, Missouri. We invite you to "like" each page to stay informed about the events and special dates at each location. You can find our Facebook pages at the following URL's.

Mt. St. Mary's: <https://www.facebook.com/Mt-Saint-Marys-Cemetery-Kansas-City-451710731831238/>

Mount Olivet Kansas City: <https://www.facebook.com/MountOlivetCemetery/>

Resurrection: <https://www.facebook.com/Resurrection-Cemetery-Kansas-City-794543414033224/>

Mount Olivet St. Joseph: <https://www.facebook.com/Mount-Olivet-Cemetery-St-Joseph-285684515178467/>

A website has also been established reflecting the services we offer. Please visit our site at <http://cemeterieskcsj.org/> to learn more. "Plan today not tomorrow, together not alone."

Celebration for the 50th Anniversary of Fr. Chuck Tobin's Ordination

You are invited to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Fr. Chuck Tobin's ordination on **Saturday May 26, 2018 at a 4PM Mass** at St. Sabina Parish, Belton, MO followed by a reception in the Parish Gym. Please reply to padrechuck@gmail.com if you'd like to attend.

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.

Retreat for Young Women

Mark your calendar for March 24, 2018. GIVEN KC is an opportunity for women aged 18-35 from any stage of life - single, engaged, married or consecrated - to learn more about the feminine genius, how the church needs your unique gifts as a woman and to meet other women striving to live out authentic femininity. Visit www.givenkc.org for more information and to register.

happy birthday

Jose Abundiz	Nicole Gross - Hidalgo	Evelyn Portillo
Juan Alas	Maria Guerrero	Dulce Rios
Blanca Ayala	Crystal Gutierrez	Huganda Rios
Bill Beaver	Laverne Harlow	Benita Rodriguez
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Gabrielle Biondo	Steven Henke	Kerianne Samson
Emily Bornheimer	Hermelinda Hernandez	Juan Santiago
Philip Brokaw	Leslie Herrera	Drew Schaefer
Velia Burciaga	Matthew Hooper	Darryl Schoenberger
John Caoile	Ian Jackson	Robert Shipley
Trevor Carbaugh	Irving Juarez	Harold Siglar
Jacqueline Cartagena	Jack Kille	James Simms
Ava Chevalier	Tom Lacy	Jorge Soto
Emma Chevalier	Ayva Leuschen	Veronica Stout
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Sandra Coyazo	Doris Martinez	Keith Sueltz
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Patricia Gomez	Giovanni Oquendo	Carl Wipperman
Joaquin Gonzalez	Elvis Palomares	Jenna Wyatt
Heriberto Gonzalez	Meredith Parker	Cecilia Zamora
Yesica Gracia	Mia Perez	Irene Zarco
Kathy Griggs	Jorge Perez	Maribel Zarco

Happy Anniversary

Thomas and Joan Murphy	39 Years!	3/16/1979
Larry and Kathy Spencer	35 Years!	3/14/1983
James and Kathleen Dillon	29 Years!	3/17/1989
Nicholas and Janis Macias	28 Years!	3/17/1990
Victor and Araceli Lopez	19 Years!	3/12/1999
Edgar and Maria Negrete	14 Years!	3/12/2004



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



Thank you to Nikki Strickland and Betty Kille, who helped at the Community Meal on February 21!

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!

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 March 14th, 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.



Junior High Sports Lock-In!

Reflection on the Readings

The fourth Sunday of Lent is the second of our three **Scrutiny Sundays**. Aimed at those who are to be baptized at the Easter Vigil, as well as the already baptized, Scrutiny Sundays provide an opportunity to examine our lives in light of our baptismal commitment to be like Jesus. **On these Sundays, we pray with the entire community, asking God to remove any and all obstacles on our journey to be like Christ.**

John's gospel readings for these Sundays carry with them the strong baptismal themes of **water, light and new life**. The third Sunday focuses on the Samaritan woman at the well encountering the living water that only Jesus can give. **The fourth Sunday speaks of the encounter between the blind man and Jesus, who restores both physical and spiritual sight so that we may come to know Jesus and follow him.** The fifth Sunday recounts the story of the raising of Lazarus through the loving concern of Jesus, the giver of new life.

This Sunday's unnamed man born blind is the focus of our concern. Like the woman at the well yearning for living water, the blind man yearning to see is a symbol of the struggle involved in our faith journey. We think we see clearly but all sorts of things get in the way of our ability to see God's path. Rather we continually grope in the darkness of our own egos, agendas and concerns.

In the midst of this human predicament, Jesus approaches us the way he does the blind man and asks us to trust him by following his directions. **If we are open to Jesus' direction and help we will come to see not merely superficially but deeply.** Jesus will aid us in removing the scales from our eyes, mind and heart so that we can follow the path that leads to life.

As the story of the blind man unfolds, we come to realize that openness to Jesus involves constant difficulties, struggles, challenges and even rejections. Yet these realities can become the occasion for deeper seeing and understanding, leading us to realize and encounter Jesus once more as our true source of sight. Once we understand and see this clearly, then we can relate to Jesus as he is, our savior and Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 23

invites us to affirm this clear vision of Jesus as our savior and Lord by inviting us to sing **"The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want."** The verses of Psalm 23 stress that assuring and deep experience that the unnamed blind man must have felt in the presence of Jesus. He came to believe that Jesus is that dependable source of sight, light and deeper understanding of life, no matter what life brings. **With the psalmist and the blind man, we too proclaim that Jesus does indeed guide us to right paths and leads us ultimately to secure dwelling in God's house.**

The first reading from 1 Samuel narrates the anointing of young David as the next king of Israel. The reading challenges us to see and discern people and events as God does, judging not from appearances but seeing into the heart. Such deep sight demands spiritual attunement to God along with a discipline that continually aligns our thoughts with God's thoughts. **The second reading from the letter to the Ephesians calls us to live as "children of light" producing "every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth."** **In so doing, we will see as God sees.**

Reflect on how you can discipline yourself this Lent by opening yourself to seeing the way God sees, and not the way we humans tend to see. This coming Sunday, pray with the "elect" and the "candidates" as they ask for new and deeper sight.

Biagio Mazza,
Pastoral Associate



Readings



Bible Study

Sunday, March 11

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

Psalm: Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)

2nd Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel: John 9:1-41

Sunday, March 18

1st Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14

Psalm: Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)

2nd Reading: Romans 8:8-11

Gospel: John 11:1-45

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 March 18 and April 8 at 10:30am in the conference room.** All are welcome; bring a bible. To register, call Biagio at 816-979-3153.



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Reflexión Sobre las Lecturas

El cuarto domingo de Cuaresma es el segundo de nuestros tres Domingos de Escrutinio. Dirigidos a los que van a ser bautizados en la Vigilia Pascual, así como a los ya bautizados, los Domingos de Escrutinio brindan la oportunidad de examinar nuestras vidas a la luz de nuestro compromiso bautismal de ser como Jesús. **En estos domingos, oramos con toda la comunidad, pidiendo a Dios que elimine todos los obstáculos en nuestro camino para ser como Cristo.**

Las lecturas del evangelio de Juan para estos domingos llevan consigo las temas bautismales del agua, la luz y la nueva vida. El tercer domingo se centra en la mujer samaritana en el pozo que encuentra el agua viva que sólo Jesús puede dar. **El cuarto domingo habla del encuentro entre el ciego y Jesús, que restaura tanto la vista física como la espiritual, para que podamos llegar a conocer a Jesús y seguirlo.** El quinto domingo narra la historia de la resurrección de Lázaro a través de la preocupación amorosa de Jesús, el dador de la nueva vida.

El hombre sin nombre, ciego desde el nacimiento de este domingo es el foco de nuestra preocupación. Como la mujer del pozo que desea el agua viva, el ciego que desea ver es un símbolo de la lucha implicada en nuestro viaje de la fe. Creemos que vemos claramente, pero muchas cosas se interponen en el camino de nuestra capacidad de ver el camino de Dios. Más bien, continuamente buscamos en la oscuridad de nuestros propios egos, agendas e inquietudes.

En medio de esta situación humana, Jesús se acerca a nosotros de la manera en que se acerca al ciego y nos pide que confiemos en él, siguiendo sus instrucciones. **Si estamos abiertos a la dirección y ayuda de Jesús, llegaremos a ver no sólo superficialmente, sino profundamente.** Jesús nos ayudará a quitar las escamas de nuestros ojos, mente y corazón para que podamos seguir el camino que conduce a la vida.

Mientras se desarrolla la historia del ciego, nos damos cuenta de que al ser abiertos a Jesús implica dificultades, luchas, desafíos e incluso rechazos. Sin embargo, estas realidades pueden convertirse en la ocasión para ver y entender más profundamente, llevándonos a darnos cuenta y encontrarnos con Jesús una vez más como nuestra verdadera fuente de vista. Una vez que entendemos y vemos esto claramente, podemos relacionarnos con Jesús tal como es, nuestro salvador y Señor.

El Salmo responsorial 22 nos invita a afirmar esta visión clara de Jesús como nuestro Salvador y Señor invitándonos a cantar: "El Señor es mi

pastor, nada me falta". Los versos del Salmo 22 enfatizan la experiencia profunda y que el hombre ciego sin nombre debe haber sentido en la presencia de Jesús. Él llegó a creer que Jesús es esa fuente fiable de la vista, la luz y la comprensión más profunda de la vida, no importa lo que la vida trae. **Con el salmista y el ciego, también nosotros proclamamos que Jesús nos guía a caminos rectos y nos lleva finalmente a la vivienda segura en la casa de Dios.**

La primera lectura de 1 Samuel narra la unción del joven David como el próximo rey de Israel. La lectura nos desafía a ver y discernir a las personas y los acontecimientos como Dios lo hace, juzgando no por las apariencias, sino viendo en el corazón. Tal visión profunda exige la sintonía espiritual con Dios, junto con una disciplina que alinea continuamente nuestros pensamientos con los pensamientos de Dios. **La segunda lectura de la carta a los Efesios nos llama a vivir como "hijos de luz" produciendo "la bondad, la santidad y la verdad". Al hacerlo, veremos como Dios ve.**

Reflexione sobre cómo puede disciplinarse a si mismo esta Cuaresma, abriéndose a ver la manera en que Dios ve, y no la forma en que los humanos tienden a ver. Este domingo, ore con los "elegidos" y los "candidatos" mientras piden una visión nueva y más profunda.

Biagio Mazza
Asociado Pastoral



Lecturas

Lecturas del Domingo, 11 de Marzo

Primera Lectura: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
Salmo: Salmo 115:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19
Segunda Lectura: Romanos 8:31b-34
Evangelio: Marcos 9:2-10

Lecturas del Domingo, 18 de Marzo

Primera Lectura: Ezequiel 37:12-14
Salmo: Salmo 129:1-2, 3-4, 5-7ab, 7cd-8
Segunda Lectura: Romanos 8:8-11
Evangelio: Juan 11:1-45

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 marzo.

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 marzo. 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 14 de marzo, 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

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 Victimias, 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 - 14 de Abril

Normalmente cada segundo Sábado del mes de las 10 am a la 1 pm (Sólo para niños de 0-6 años.) En el salón doble del área de la escuela. Para niños mayores de 7 años requerirán una formación especial.

PRÓXIMOS BAUTISMOS: llamar a Kris al 816-979-3151. Favor de llenar su aplicación para asistir a las platicas con anterioridad. **No se ofrece cuidado de niños.**



¡Gracias a Jesús, y Maria Palomares y Ailyn, quienes llevaron el ofertorio el domingo pasado!

Información y Corresponsabilidad

Comidas de Pescado

Las comidas de pescado se llevarán a cabo los viernes durante la Cuaresma de las 5-7pm. Los precios son:

Adultos (13 años y mayor)	\$11.00
Tercera edad (55 años y mayor)	\$10.00
Niños (6-12 años)	\$ 6.00
Familia (familia inmediata que vive bajo el mismo techo)	\$34.00

Si trae cinco latas o mas de alimento para nuestra colecta de alimentos, cuente con un descuento de un dólar.

Vía Crucis

La Vía Crucis se orará todos los viernes durante la Cuaresma a las 6:30 p.m en Inglés y a las 7 p.m. en Español.

Servicios Cuaresmales de Reconciliación del Área

Domingo, 11 de marzo, 2p.m. en St. Thomas More

Martes, 13 de marzo, 7p.m. en Sta. Sabina

Martes, 13 de marzo, 7p.m. en Nuestra Señora de Lourdes (Harrisonville)

Miércoles, 14 de marzo, 7p.m. en Holy Spirit

Domingo, 18 de marzo, 6:30p.m. en Presentation

Lunes, 19 de marzo, 6p.m. en Nuestra Señora de Lourdes (Raytown)

Martes, 20 de marzo, 7p.m. en St. Catherine of Siena

Martes, 20 de marzo, 7p.m. en St. Robert Bellarmine

Miércoles, 21 de marzo, a las 6:30p.m. en St. Matthew Apostle

Horario de Semana Santa

Misa de Jueves Santo—Jueves, 29 de marzo a las 7p.m.

Adoración de las 8pm-12am

Servicio de Viernes Santo—Viernes, 30 de marzo a las 7p.m.

Misa de la Vigilia Pascual-Sábado, 31 de marzo a las 8p.m.

Misas del Domingo de Pascua: tendremos nuestro horario normal de Misas dominicales a las 8am y 10:30a.m. en Inglés y a las 12:30p.m. en Español el domingo 1 de abril.

CRS - Segunda Colecta - 11 de Marzo

Esta semana realizaremos *The Catholic Relief Services Collection* para responder a **Jesús con otro rostro, ¿le ayudarás?** Esta colecta ayuda a seis agencias católicas a brindar asistencia y apoyo a las comunidades luchan por salir adelante y trabajar para conseguir la paz y la reconciliación entre nuestras hermanas y hermanos marginados aquí y alrededor del mundo. Por favor, en oración, considera la manera en la que puedas contribuir a esta colecta. Infórmate más en www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.



Centro de Bienestar

¿Sabía que los padres pueden estar pasando demasiado tiempo en sus teléfonos celulares y la distracción digital podría estar reduciendo su tiempo con la familia? Por lo general, son los padres quienes les dicen a los niños que dejen sus celulares, pero también son los adultos los que deben dejar de lado sus teléfonos. En el mundo actual impulsado por la tecnología, es más fácil decirlo que hacerlo.

La mayoría de los padres admitirán que los Smart phones pueden ser una forma muy tentadora de pasar su tiempo. Visite cualquier parque local y observará a los niños corriendo por el patio de recreo mientras muchos padres se sientan al margen, pegados a sus celulares. Es extremadamente importante tener un tiempo real y auténtico con un niño e interactuar a la vieja usanza.

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Horarios de Misa

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Domingo: 8:00am y 10:30am en Ingles,
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Confesiones: Sábados, 3:00-3:30pm

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Platicas Matrimoniales - 7 y 14 de Abril

Las Platicas Matrimoniales se ofrecerán los sábados, 7 y 14 de Abril a las 10am-3pm en el salón de conferencias de la oficina parroquial. Todas las parejas necesitan asistir a las dos platicas. Para mas información, llame a Martina y Abelardo Arreola al 816-269-4956 o a Kris al 816-979-3151.