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Remember, Renew, Rejoice...

At the Rite of Election last Saturday, Bishop Johnston welcomed all catechumens, candidates and their families who are preparing for initiation at the Easter Vigil.

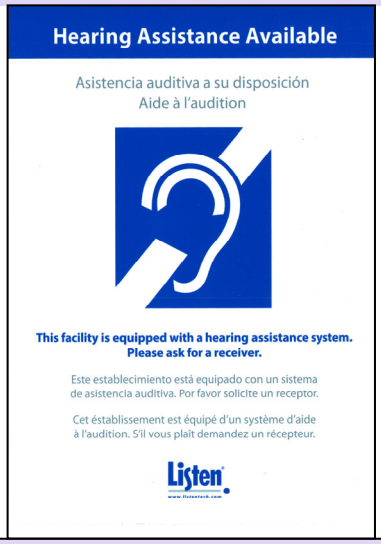
Mass Times

Saturday: 4:00pm in English

Sunday: 8:00am and 10:30am in English, 12:30pm in Spanish

Confessions: Saturdays3:00-3:30pm

Visit our website for Holy Day and special Mass times.



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Intentions for March 18—22, 2019

Mon.	8am	Communion Service
Tues.	6pm	†Pauline Bellm
Wed.	10am	†Mary Ragsdale (Foxwood Springs)
Thurs.	8am	†Theo Suwito
Fri.	8am	†Don Grieb

Saturday, March 23, 2019

4:00pm	†Jean Rehm-Coomer
6:00pm Romero	†Luis Alonzo Rodriguez

Sunday, March 24, 2019

8:00am	†Pauline Bellm
	Intentions of Our Parish Family
10:30am	†Anna Marie and Mike Arnone
12:30pm Spanish	†Pablo José Zayas
	†Luis Alonzo Rodriguez

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

†Pauline Bellm, mother of Cheryl Pardoe and Mike Jones

†Lena Matthews, Beautiful Savior

†Joseph Francis, esposo de Ana Silvia e yerno de Emilia Valle

†Rev. Dorothy "Dottie" Hoopes, Pastor Emeritus, Belton Presbyterian Church

Calendar/Information

Sunday, March 17 - Domingo, 17 de Marzo

St. Joseph Table and Dinner/Mesa de San José y Comida

9:00am	PSR/Parents Lounge
11:00am	Ensayo del Coro Hispano
11:00am	Escuela de Religión
3:00pm	Wedding: Ibarra/Coakley

Monday, March 18 - Lunes, 18 de Marzo

7:00pm	Boy Scouts

Tuesday, March 19 - Martes, 19 de Marzo

10:00am	Grief Support Group
7:00pm	Living Stones
7:00pm	Pequeñas Comunidades Cristianas

Wednesday, March 20 - Miércoles, 20 de Marzo

9:00am	Legion of Mary
10:00am	Mass at Foxwood Springs
7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal (4:00 and 10:30 groups)
7:00pm	Confirmation Sponsor Night
7:00pm	Faith Formation Offering: Pope Francis-Call to Holiness
7:00pm	Knights First Degree

Thursday, March 21 - Jueves, 21 de Marzo

6:55am	High School Youth Prayer Breakfast
9:30am	Piecemakers Quilting Group
10:00am	Faith Formation Offering: Pope Francis-Call to Holiness
7:00pm	Altar Society Meeting
7:00pm	Equipo de Pequeñas Comunidades Cristianas
7:00pm	RCIA/RICA
7:00pm	Love Thy Neighbor Meeting
8:00pm	Choir Rehearsal (8:00 group)

Friday, March 22 - Viernes, 22 de Marzo

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

Saturday, March 23 - Sábado, 23 de Marzo

3:00pm	Confessions
6:00pm	Celebración Romero/Romero Celebration

Sunday, March 24 - Domingo, 24 de Marzo

9:00am	PSR/Parents Lounge
10:30am	Bible Study
11:00am	Ensayo del Coro Hispano
11:00am	Escuela de Religión

Over 55 Luncheon and Gathering

Save the date of March 26th for our next Over 55 Event. Details coming soon!

Ladies Evening Event

The St. Sabina Parents Lounge Ladies are hosting a "WOW" evening event on Friday, March 29, 7-10pm in the parish hall. All women of St. Sabina are invited to grab a girlfriend and join the fun. "WOW" means Work On Whatever. Bring a project you'd like to work on, such as: a craft, sewing project, scrapbooks, paint your nails, organize paperwork, photos or emails, etc. Let's get together as women of the parish and chat and work on whatever! If you don't have a project, just come to chat. Feel free to bring a snack to share if you'd like. Can't get there right at 7pm? No worries come and go as you wish. All women and nursing babies are welcome. (Please no other kiddos at this event. Parents Lounge will try to host a full family event soon.)

Pier—Daily Family Prayer Resource

As part of our diocesan celebration of a Holy Year of Renewal, the diocese is partnering with School of Love (an apostolate in the Archdiocese of Kansas City, Kansas) to offer this at-home family prayer resource to any household in the diocese, for free during Lent. Pier is a daily prayer resource for the entire family to use at home, all together. It combines daily Mass Gospels with a daily reflection particularly geared for families. In this way it is designed to help families deepen their relationship with God and, at the same time, with each other. For more information or if you have questions, you may contact Kris Larkey in the parish office.

PIER

DAILY FAMILY PRAYER

A Special Pilgrimage Opportunity

The incorrupt heart of St. John Vianney, Patron of Parish Priests and Seminarians, will be displayed for public veneration on Tuesday March 19, 2019 in the Cathedral of St. Joseph at 519 N. 10th St., St. Joseph, Missouri. Public veneration will begin following the 8am Holy Mass. The Cathedral will remain open throughout the day. At 5:30pm Solemn Vespers will be celebrated with Bishop Johnston presiding. Public veneration will conclude at 8pm. All parishes and parishioners throughout the diocese are invited to make a pilgrimage to the Cathedral of St. Joseph for this event.

Parish Information

This Week's Do You Know Video:

As we continue our series on the Christian Creeds, this week's DYK video examines the creedal focus on the Last Things, namely, death, judgment, heaven and hell. Delving into these mysteries, we admit that we do not know much about the last things, but rather we project our imaginative understanding and belief in them based on our lived experiences and our image of God. Belief in a loving, faithful God who creates us out of love, and sustains us in life, allows us to project that such a relationship does not end with death but continues beyond death into new life. Jesus' Paschal Mystery, his journey from passion and death to new resurrected life in God, is our foundation and sure hope in eternal and transformed union with God. The Creeds refer to the Last Things in terms of belief in "the communion of saints, the resurrection of the dead and life of the world to come." Communion of saints asserts our belief that, united in God, death does not separate us from those who have gone before us. Belief in eternal life is connected to the resurrection of the body, allowing us to be united with our bodies once more in a new and transformed manner, and allows God to right all wrongs and injustice, offering forgiveness, compassion and reconciliation to all who choose to respond so to God. The Creeds end with the strong assertion that our God is a loving faithful God who creates us out of love and desires us to be in relationship for all eternity. How will you decide? Make time to view this week's DYK video and see why the Creeds end with a focus on the Last Things.

Photography for Pictorial Directory

Our Parish Directory is due for an update and we need YOU to make it complete! Help us preserve this very special moment in time as we celebrate 75 years of our parish family with a special edition coffee table book/ pictorial directory. Our goal is to include everyone! Photography sessions will be held in the parish hall in early April. You may make an appointment for your family's photo session on our parish website, or in person after Mass this weekend in the gym at the St. Joseph's Table. All who participate will receive a free 8x10 and copy of the book. All those that book an appointment for photography by March 17th will be entered into a drawing to win a $100 gift certificate from LifeTouch.

Wedding Congratulations

Congratulations to **Javier Ibarra and Cristin Coaklley**, who will be married on March 17th!

happy birthday

Maria Abarca	Ana Garcia	Magali Mendoza
Elvia Abarca	Mike Gardiner	Irma Meza
Juan Alas	Erick Guardado	Jonathan Olguin
Leon Arreola	Sergio Guevara	Virginia Owen
Bill Beaver	Crystal Gutierrez	Helen Panebianco
Guadalupe Benitez	Alberto Guzman	Serena Persaud
Carlee Cano	Brisa Guzman	Alan Pitallo
Trevor Carbaugh	Melissa Hadley	Dylan Rivera
Patty Carbaugh	Taylor Harshbarger	William Rodelo
Miguel Cervantes	Guerrero Hinojos	Gabriela Sanchez
Cesar Chavez	Ferman Hinojos	Darryl Schoenberger
Eva Corchado	Ramon Hinojos	Harold Siglar
Tracy Coyle	Erica Knoll	Keith Sueltz
Dennis Cruz	Tyler Kudron	Nefthaly Torres
Michael Davis	Tom Lacy	Mariana Valles
Irene Down	Angel Martinez	Camila Vergara
Antonio Enriques	Sophia McClish	Cecilia Zamora
Pat Feller	Gwen McGuire	Jose Zamora
Ty Figge	Sofia Meakins	

Happy Anniversary

David and Sharon Faust	37 Years!	3/20/1982
Christopher and Maureen Gilkey	33 Years!	3/22/1986
Apolinar Canchola and Mariana Hernandez	26 Years!	3/21/1993
Ken and Ellen Lovelace	11 Years!	3/19/2008

Altar Society Meeting

Our next Altar Society Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 21st at 7pm in the conference room. All current and new members are invited to attend.

Altar Society 75th Anniversary Sales

The Altar Society will be taking orders for 75th Anniversary items and apparel after Masses on March 30-31 and April 6-7. All funds raised from these sales will be used to purchase items for the liturgical

Green Team Tip of the Week

Keep up with the Cass County Sustainability Committee. Sign up to receive emails or follow on Facebook https://cassrecycle.wordpress.com/

Parish and Lenten Information

Romero Celebration - March 23 - 6pm

On Saturday, March 23 our Salvadoran Community will host our parish's annual celebration in honor of Saint Oscar Romero. Mass will begin at 6:00pm and **Fr. Estefan Turcios will celebrate the Mass.**

Padre Estefan Turcios is a diocesan priest of the Archdiocese of San Salvador. He has been a priest for 32 years and is the pastor of the parish of San Antonio in Soyapango. Padre Estefan met Saint Oscar Romero while studying at San José de la Montaña Seminary in 1968, as Monseñor Romero's office was at the seminary. Due to the level of violence and persecution, Mons. Romero sent Padre Estefan to study in Ecuador, and Padre Estefan was in Ecuador when Mons. Romero was murdered. Since that time, Padre Estefan has worked to promote the sanctity and exemplariness of Mons. Romero, always believing that one day Mons. Oscar Romero would be declared a saint. Padre Estefan has served as vicar of the Mons. Romero Foundation, has been involved in the Pastoral Profética and Evangelization departments of his diocese, as well as serving as the diocesan director of missionary work. He is a member of the National Council of Missions, CONAMI, and a member of the Municipal Council of Security and Citizen Coexistence of Soyapango (CONSECOSOY).

Saint 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. Saint Oscar Romero was canonized on October 14, 2018 and his feast day is celebrated annually on March 24th.

An Evening with Fr. Estefan Turcios-Mar 21

You are invited to an evening with Fr. Estefan Turcios. Fr. Estefan will speak to us about the situation in El Salvador, and how St. Oscar Romero's message can speak to the country's present concerns.

Thursday, March 21, 2019
7:00pm - St. Sabina Parish Hall

Fr. Estefan will speak to us in Spanish. There will be an interpreter for those that speak English.

Friday Activities—Fish Fries and Stations

Our Knights of Columbus are once again hosting fish fries on Fridays, 5-7pm, during Lent. Menu will include: fried fish, lemon butter baked fish, Cajun baked fish, hush puppies, green beans, garlic potatoes, French fries, cole slaw, meatless spaghetti, bread, and a dessert table. Prices: Adults $11, Seniors $10, Children $6, Family $36 $1 off a meal if 5 or more canned food items are donated.
Stations of the Cross will be prayed in English at 6:30pm and Spanish at 7pm each Friday during Lent. Please join us!

Blessing of Seeds—Lenten Reflection

It is a tradition of the church to celebrate the Blessing of Seeds at planting time. The tradition comes from farmers seeking a blessing on their crops. Whether or not we live in rural communities, we may wish to ask God's protection for seeds (or seedlings) in our fields and gardens. Seeds represent a microcosm of all life. By our prayers, we acknowledge God's control over creation and our stewardship of it. This year, our diocese has designated March 16 as a day of Prayer At Seedtime.
Our parish is celebrating the Blessing of Seeds at all Masses this weekend. Seeds to be planted in our Community Garden will be blessed, and seeds donated by the St. Sabina Green Team will be blessed for you to take home and plant. If you brought in your own seeds, they can also be blessed. As we celebrate Lent in this 75th Anniversary year of our parish, we encourage you to participate in a special Lenten reflection to help us all "Remember, Renew and Rejoice." Plant the seeds and watch them grow. The reflections provided can guide your prayer and stimulate inner growth during this Lent, so that we might produce good fruit as a parish family. Please take a packet of seeds and a Lenten Reflection sheet with you after Mass.

Area Reconciliation Services

Tuesday, March 19, 7pm **at St. Bridget**
Tuesday, March 26, 7pm **at Our Lady of Lourdes, Harrisonville**
Monday, April 1, 7pm **at St. Margaret**
Tuesday, April 2, 7pm **at St. Sabina or Holy Spirit**
Sunday, April 7, 7pm **at Presentation**
Tuesday, April 9, 6pm **at St. Matthew Apostle**

Guidelines for Fast and Abstinence During Lent

Abstinence: Abstinence is a penitential practice consisting of refraining from the consumption of meat and is to be observed by all Catholics who are 14 years of age and older. **Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and the Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence.**
Fast and Abstinence: In addition to abstinence, fasting is to be observed by all Catholics between the ages of 18-59 years. On days of fasting, one full meal is allowed. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed. Note: If a person is unable to observe the above regulations due to ill health or other serious reasons, they are urged to practice other forms of self-denial that are suitable to their condition. **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fasting.**

Pastoral Care

Nursing Home Mass Schedule

Mar 20	10:00am	Foxwood Springs
Mar 27	11:00am	Carnegie Village
Apr 3	10:30am	Beautiful Savior

Pyx—Sign Out Sheet We try to keep pyxes available in the sacristy in the event you forget to bring yours and need to take the Blessed Sacrament to the sick or homebound. We have placed a sign out/in sheet on a clipboard in the sacristy. Please help us keep costs down by signing the Pyx "out" when you borrow one and "in" once you have returned it. Thank you for your help!

Domestic Violence The Catholic Church teaches that violence against another person in any form fails to treat that person as someone worthy of love. Instead, it treats the person as an object to be used. When violence occurs within a sacramental marriage, the abused spouse may question, "How do these violent acts relate to my promise to take my spouse for better or for worse?" The person being assaulted needs to know that acting to end the abuse does not violate the marriage promises. While violence can be directed towards men, it tends to harm women and children more.

The **National Domestic Violence Hotline** provides crisis intervention and referrals to local service providers. Call **800-799-SAFE (7233)** or **800-787-3224 (TTY).** For more information, go to *www.thehotline.org.* Hotline Advocates are available to chat online, Monday to Friday, 9AM-7PM CST.

Prayer Requests/Peticiones de Oración

Anna Anderson
Dick Armstrong
Lorenzo Barragon
Beverly Bell
John Bidondo
George Bremer
Maxine Bremer
Roger Brown
Sheila Brown
Joyce Callahan
John Caoile
John Cikan
Cindy Circo
Joseph Coots
Rikki DeVaul
Nolan Dickerson
Marcia DiGeorge
Steven DiGeorge
Jim Dillon
Kelly Dirks
Lois Dull
Paula Dull
Judy Giannini
Kelly Hall
Emily Emke-Hayes
Terry Eppert
Jean Frank
Cheryl Frezza
Jim Frezza
Sergio Gallardo
Al Gebauer
Ginny Hainey
Cathy Hall
Laverne Harlow
Connie Harper
Cherie Hatfield
Beth Heide
Rhonda Henke
Morgan Hilliard
Shayla Hoffman
Gale Holsman
Lisa January
Araceli Jimenez
John Jongenelen
Kathy Keary
Sophia Kille
Don Kueck
Darrell Littler
Ray Malisos
Angela Maria
Jamie Martinez
Leslie McDowell
Janet Moorman
Harry Muench
Joan Muench
Bella Nouryeh
Ezequil Olarte
Thelma Palmer
George Panebianco
Harry Peckham
Juanita Peckham
David Pierce
Gary Prendergast
Doug Pritchett
Rita Pruitt
Larry Rhodes
Amy Ritchie
Jim Ruffini
Anna Ryan
Ron Schock
Barry Sellmeyer
Brenda Sheppard
Brian Sheppard
Jaxton Shipley
Lois Simpson
Michelle Soto
Baby Stone
Kayla Stone
Rita Stout
Svoboda Family
Jean Tate
Joe Taylor
Angel Thomas
Bruce Thompson
Priscilla Tristani
Mary Westfall
Marie Wilburn
Mary Wickstrum
Travis Woods
Jeanette Woolworth
Carmitia Yust
Debra Zayas

Wellness Center

Did you know that latest research shows exercise is one of the best things you can do for your brain? Cognitive decline is not inevitable, the brain continually makes new neurons and fine-tunes neural connections throughout life. Aerobic exercise jumpstarts that process. "It reduces the level of brain loss and keeps cognitive abilities sharp," says John Medina, affiliate professor of bioengineering at the University of Washington School of Medicine and author of Brain Rules. "It also slashes your lifetime risk of Alzheimer's in half and your risk of general dementia by 60 percent."

Exercise boosts the flow of blood to the brain spurring the release of brain-derived neurotropic factor (BDNF). This chemical stimulates the formation of new neurons in the hippocampus, the area involved in memory, learning and the ability to plan and make decisions. BDNF also repairs cell damage and strengthens synapses, which connect brain cells. Doctors who specialize in the aging brain say that dementia is not inevitable, even in very old age. A growing number of studies are showing that a regimen of good nutrition, physical exercise, and mental stimulation plays a major role in preventing Alzheimer's and other types of dementia.

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Stewardship

Contributions for March 10

Envelopes/Sobres	$16,469.00
Plate/Canasta	$ 1,216.34
Maintenance-Upkeep	$ 944.00
Ash Wednesday 3/6/19:	$ 2,447.35

Contribution Statements for the Year 2018

Statements can be downloaded online using the "My Own Church" feature. You can find "My Own Church" in the "About Us" section of our parish website (www.stsabinaparish.org). To register a user name, click "new user" under the login boxes and fill out the form. Once submitted, we will be notified that a new user has registered, and once you have been confirmed, a temporary password will be emailed to the email address that you provided. You can choose your own password when you login the first time. Once logged in, click "My Offering" and then "Giving History." You can choose the year and then click the green download button to the right to download your statement. If you forgot your user name or password or have any questions regarding My Own Church or contribution statements, please contact Jeff Shields in the parish office: 816-979-3152, jeffshields@stsabinaparish.org.

CRS Rice Bowls—Encounter Annet

In Uganda, we encounter Annet and her family, children 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 information.

"Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem."
Luke 9: 28-31

The reason for all of our fasting and prayer and almsgiving during lent is to be reawakened to all God has done for humanity, and to all that He has done for each of us personally. It is all too easy to get lulled into complacency in our daily routines, to "sleepwalk" through life, getting up and getting ourselves out the door, going to work, returning home for dinner and dishes, meetings or sports activities, and finally flopping on the couch to watch TV until bedtime. While there is nothing inherently sinful in this routine, as Christian stewards, we are called to so much more! This lent, let us train ourselves, or more precisely, allow Him to train us to say "Yes" to His will and to offer our lives back to Him in gratitude. In so doing, we, too, will become "transfigured." This is what it means to live fully awake; this is a stewardship way of life and it is glorious indeed. — See more at www.catholicsteward.com/blog/

El Salvador Scholarship Student, Marlene

Marlene Elizabeth Cisnero Blanco lives in the community of Cinquera. She is 26 years old and she attends the Lutheran University of El Salvador located in San Salvador. She is currently is her first year of study and she is majoring in Agro-ecological Engineering. She entered the scholarship program in 2018 and she is expected to graduate in 2024.

Marlene has classes on Saturdays from 7am-3:30pm and Sundays from 7am-Noon. She leaves her home at 4am and gets home at 7pm. Marlene has to ride in the back of a pickup for 18 km and then takes a bus the remaining 63 km.

Marlene's only family member is Norelvy Yamilet Arias, who completed the scholarship program and graduated from university, and is 25 years old.

Marlene lives in a house made of concrete blocks, and the house has potable water and electricity.

This year Marlene's community project was Prevention before Treatment, a program which taught adolescents in Cinquera about sexual education in order to reduce the risk of teenage pregnancies, educate about sexual and reproductive responsibility and raise awareness about sexually transmitted diseases.

Marlene states that her achievements this year include being accepted into the scholarship program and being able to start her university education.

Marlene's major challenge is the lack of economic resources. She has been on her own financially for 7 years and could not study. Now she thanks God for being a scholarship recipient and being able to continue her education, which has always been one of her dreams.

Marlene hopes to meet all the requirements of the scholarship program so that she can continue her education. Eventually she wants to be able to contribute to the scholarship program so that other young people will have this opportunity. She also hopes to work with the Association of Reconstruction and Development in Cinquera in their work with the environment.

To donate to our El Salvador Scholarship fund, please visit our website at www.stsabinaparish.org and click on on-line giving or drop a check in the collection with El Salvador written in the memo line.

Youth Ministry

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.

Confirmation Candidates! All youth enrolled in the Confirmation program must have a Sponsor to join them on the journey to the sacrament of Confirmation. There will be once a month meetings which are listed on the Youth Calendar which is available on the parish website. A sponsor is an adult Catholic who is confirmed, in good standing with the Catholic church and who is available to attend the meetings with the youth. It is not recommended that a parent serve as a sponsor. Our next Sponsor Night will be March 20th from 7-8:30pm in the Parish Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Kirstie Roberts.

PSR News

Tour of the Church Night! Our First Communion kids and their parents are invited to join together on March 26 for an evening of fun, fellowship and preparation for the sacrament of Communion. Kids will get a backstage pass to the inner parts of the church with one of our sacristans, bake altar bread to share with their families, create a unique banner that's all about them and have a hot dog dinner with their classmates and family. The night begins at 6:30pm and ends at 8:30pm. Please arrive early so we can get the groups all set and have a little prayer to start our night off right. This is not a drop off event. At least one parent/guardian must accompany each student.

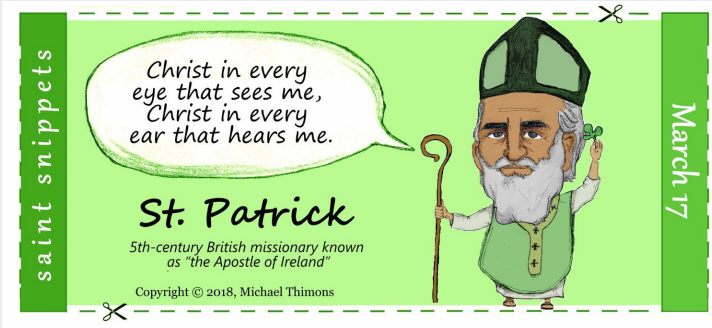
Child Safety

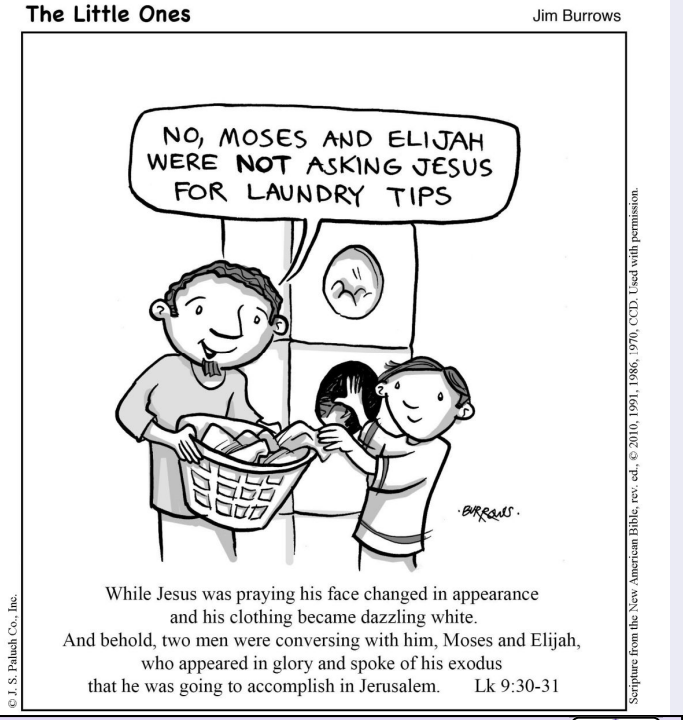
The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse:

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://kcsjcatholic.org/the-office-of-child-and-youth-protection/





Reflection on the Readings

The gospel for the second Sunday of Lent always narrates the Lord's transfiguration. Why does the lectionary move from the temptations of Jesus on the first Sunday of Lent to an account of the Lord's glorification? If Lent is supposed to focus on the difficulty of the Christian journey and our need to struggle to get back on course with God, then why highlight glorification themes?

The readings for the first two Sundays of Lent reflect two most important Lenten themes. On the first Sunday, Jesus' temptations remind us of the constant struggle and striving that is integral to living our Christian lives faithfully. **The Transfiguration reminds us that we are assured victory in our struggle because our Lord has gone before us and already conquered sin and death.**

While we struggle on our faith journey, we trust and hope in the victory already won for us by the Risen Christ. Attuning ourselves to Jesus' wisdom and guidance is essential. We are called to "listen" to Jesus for it is only in following that sure path that we are assured resurrection. This trust enables us to sing the refrain from responsorial Psalm 27 with great confidence and joy, "The Lord is my life and my salvation."

In the first reading from Genesis, Abram becomes a model of trust for all. Even though he has no children, Abram believes God's promises that his descendants would be as numerous as the stars, even though there is nothing tangible that Abram could grasp. "Abram put his faith in the Lord, who credited it to him as an act of righteousness." **Dwelling in that trust enables Abram to enter more deeply in relationship with God, and to experience both God's abiding presence and God's covenant love.**

Paul's letter to the Philippians calls us to imitate Paul's trust and confidence in God, thus reflecting that trust in all our conduct and relationships. Those who do not trust God see nothing beyond this life, and are caught up in concerns and actions that lead them away from God. Those whose "citizenship is in heaven" occupy themselves with concerns and actions that imitate the Lord Jesus. **Because of this trust and corresponding lifestyle, we become transformed in and through Christ, who will bring about our ultimate union with God for all eternity.**

Luke's transfiguration scene has Jesus conversing with Moses and Elijah concerning his "exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem." That "exodus" will involve the difficult path of arrest, suffering and death. Jesus' trust in God strengthens him for the difficult journey ahead. That trust transforms and deepens Jesus' desire and willingness to attune himself to God. His very body manifests that trust and love. Jesus comes down from the mountain to undertake his journey to Jerusalem with great trust. **Dare we respond to God's challenge to "listen" to Jesus as he goes about his "exodus" to Jerusalem?**

Active "listening" essentially involves modeling ourselves on Jesus. Doing so assures us of ultimate victory over our struggles and temptations. **This is no easy road. The transfiguration reality is only arrived at through the "exodus" leading to Jerusalem.** Jesus' fidelity to God's values ultimately lead him to endure suffering, cross and death.

As we attempt to be faithful to God's values in our lives, the struggles of life, and even our own death, will always be a part of Christian living. However, in living a life modeled on Jesus, all struggles, and even death, will ultimately be transformed into victory and life. **That is why this second Sunday of Lent, we can boldly and confidently proclaim our responsorial psalm, "The Lord is my light and my salvation."**

How you can make this refrain an important part of your Lenten prayer and journey to Easter?

Biagio Mazza, Pastoral Associate

Readings

Sunday, March 17

1st Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18
Psalm: Psalm 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14 (1a)
2nd Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1
Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36

Sunday, March 24

1st Reading: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15
Psalm: Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 (8a)
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12
Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

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 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 24 and April 14 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 evangelio del segundo domingo de Cuaresma siempre narra la transfiguración del Señor. ¿Por qué el leccionario pasa de las tentaciones de Jesús el primer domingo de Cuaresma a un relato de la glorificación del Señor? Si se supone que la Cuaresma se enfoca en la dificultad del camino cristiano y nuestra necesidad de luchar para volver al curso con Dios, entonces ¿por qué resaltar los temas de glorificación?

Las lecturas de los dos primeros domingos de Cuaresma reflejan los dos temas más importantes de la Cuaresma. El primer domingo, las tentaciones de Jesús nos recuerdan la lucha y el esfuerzo constante que son parte integral de vivir fielmente nuestras vidas cristianas. **La Transfiguración nos recuerda que estamos seguros de la victoria en nuestra lucha porque nuestro Señor nos ha precedido y ya ha vencido el pecado y la muerte.**

Mientras luchamos en nuestro camino de fe, confiamos y esperamos en la victoria que ya ha ganado para nosotros por el Cristo resucitado. Sintonizarnos con la sabiduría y la guía de Jesús es esencial. Estamos llamados a "escuchar" a Jesús, ya que solo al seguir ese camino seguro se nos asegura la resurrección. Esta confianza nos permite cantar el refrán del Salmo 27 responsorial con gran confianza y alegría: "El Señor es mi luz y mi salvación".

En la primera lectura de Génesis, Abram se convierte en un modelo de confianza para todos. Aunque no tiene hijos, Abram cree en las promesas de Dios de que sus descendientes serían tan numerosos como las estrellas, aunque no hay nada tangible que Abram pueda comprender. "Abram creyó lo que el Señor le decía y, por esa fe, el Señor lo tuvo por justo". **Morar en esa confianza le permite a Abram entrar más profundamente en relación con Dios y experimentar la presencia perdurable de Dios y el amor de alianza de Dios.**

La carta de Pablo a los filipenses nos llama a imitar la confianza de Pablo en Dios, reflejando así nuestra confianza en toda nuestra conducta y relaciones. Aquellos que no confían en Dios no ven nada más allá de esta vida, y están atrapados en preocupaciones y acciones que los alejan de Dios. Aquellos quienes son "ciudadanos del cielo" se ocupan de preocupaciones y acciones que imitan al Señor Jesús. **Debido a esta confianza y al estilo de vida correspondiente, nos transformamos en y por medio de Cristo, quien logrará nuestra unión definitiva con Dios por toda la eternidad.**

La escena de la transfiguración según Lucas tiene a Jesús conversando con Moisés y Elías sobre su "muerte que le esperaba en Jerusalén". La cual implicará el difícil camino precedente de la detención, el sufrimiento y por ultimo, la muerte. La confianza de Jesús en Dios lo fortalece para el difícil viaje por delante. Esa confianza transforma y profundiza el deseo y la voluntad de Jesús de sintonizarse con Dios. Su mismo cuerpo manifiesta esa confianza y amor. Jesús bajó de la montaña para emprender su viaje a Jerusalén con gran confianza. **¿Nos atreveremos a responder al desafío de Dios de "escuchar" a Jesús mientras él realiza su camino difícil a Jerusalén?**

Escuchar activamente consiste en modelarnos en Jesús. Hacerlo, nos asegura la victoria final sobre nuestras luchas y tentaciones. **Este no es un camino fácil. La realidad de la transfiguración solo se llega a través del camino difícil que conduce a Jerusalén**. La fidelidad de Jesús a los valores de Dios lo lleva a soportar el sufrimiento, la cruz y la muerte.

Al tratar de ser fieles a los valores de Dios en nuestras vidas, las luchas de la vida e incluso nuestra propia muerte, siempre serán parte de la vida cristiana. Sin embargo, al vivir una vida modelada en Jesús, todas las luchas, e incluso la muerte, se transformarán finalmente en victoria y vida. **Por eso, este segundo domingo de Cuaresma, podemos proclamar con audacia y confianza nuestro salmo responsorial: "El Señor es mi luz y mi salvación".**

¿Cómo puede hacer que este refrán forme una parte importante de su oración Cuaresmal y de su viaje a la Pascua?

Biagio Mazza, Asociado Pastoral

Lecturas

Lecturas del Domingo, 17 de Marzo
Primera Lectura: Génesis 15:5-12, 17-18
Salmo: Salmo 27:1, 7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14
Segunda Lectura: Filipenses 3:17—4:1
Evangelio: Lucas 9:28-36

Lecturas del Domingo, 24 de Marzo
Primera Lectura: Éxodo 3:1-8, 13-15
Salmo: Salmo 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8 y 11
Segunda Lectura: 1 Corintios 10:1-6, 10-12
Evangelio: Lucas 13:1-9

Ministerio Juvenil

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 6:45am para que los jóvenes pasen antes de la escuela.

Candidatos de la Confirmación! La próximo noche de Padrinos para la Confirmación será el 20 de marzo, 7 -8:30pm en el Salón Parroquial. Se espera que todos los candidatos a la confirmación (jóvenes) y su padrino adulto 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.

Noticias de la Escuela de Religión

Recorrido de la Iglesia! Nuestros niños de la Primera Comunión y sus padres están invitados a acompañarnos el 26 de marzo para una noche de diversión, compañerismo y preparación para el sacramento de la Comunión. Los niños obtendrán un 'pase al detrás de escena' a las partes internas de la iglesia con uno de nuestros sacristanes, hornearán pan de altar para compartir con sus familias, crearán una bandera única la cual es sobre ellos y tendrán una cena de hot dog con sus compañeros de clase y sus familias. La noche comienza a las 6:30 pm y termina a las 8:30 pm. Llegue temprano para que podamos organizar todos los grupos y orar para comenzar bien la noche. Este no es un evento de dejar los niños. Al menos un padre/tutor debe acompañar a cada estudiante.

Platicas Pre-Bautismales - 13 de abril

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

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Seguridad Infantil

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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://kcsjcatholic.org/the-office-of-child-and-youth-protection/

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Celebración Romero - 23 de marzo - 6pm

El sábado, 23 de marzo, nuestra comunidad salvadoreña será la sede de la celebración anual de nuestra parroquia en honor a San Óscar Romero. La Misa comenzará a las 6:00 pm y **el P. Estefan Turcios celebrará la Misa.**

El Padre Estefan Turcios es un sacerdote diocesano de la Arquidiócesis de San Salvador. Es sacerdote desde hace 32 años y es el pastor de la parroquia de San Antonio en Soyapango. El Padre Estefan conoció a San Oscar Romero mientras estudiaba en el Seminario de San José de la Montaña en 1968, ya que la oficina de Monseñor Romero estaba en el seminario. Debido al nivel de violencia y persecución, Mons. Romero envió al Padre Estefan a estudiar en Ecuador, y ahí estuvo cuando el Mons. Romero fue asesinado. Desde entonces, el Padre Estefan ha trabajado para promover la santidad y la ejemplaridad de Mons. Romero, creyendo siempre que un día el Mons. Oscar Romero sería declarado santo. El Padre Estefan ha servido como vicario de La Fundación Mons. Romero, ha estado involucrado en los departamentos de Pastoral Profética y Evangelización de su diócesis, además de servir como director diocesano del trabajo misionero. Es miembro del Consejo Nacional de Misiones, CONAMI, y miembro del Consejo Municipal de Seguridad y Convivencia Ciudadana de Soyapango (CONSECOSOY).

San Óscar Arnulfo Romero (15 de agosto de 1917 - 24 de marzo de 1980) fue un prominente sacerdote católico en El Salvador durante los años 60 y 70, se convirtió en Arzobispo de San Salvador en 1977. Después de presenciar numerosas violaciones de derechos humanos, comenzó a hablar en nombre de los pobres y de las víctimas de la represión. Esto llevó a numerosos conflictos, tanto con el gobierno en El Salvador como dentro de la Iglesia Católica. Después de hablar en contra del apoyo militar de los Estados Unidos al gobierno de El Salvador y de pedir a los soldados que desobedecieran las órdenes de disparar contra civiles inocentes, el Arzobispo Romero fue asesinado a tiros mientras celebraba la Misa en la pequeña capilla del hospital de cáncer donde vivía. San Oscar Romero fue canonizado el 14 de octubre de 2018 y su fiesta se celebra anualmente el 24 de marzo.

Una Tarde con el P. Estefan Turcios - 21 de Marzo

Está invitado a pasar una tarde con el P. Estefan Turcios. P. Estefan nos hablará sobre la situación en El Salvador y sobre cómo el mensaje de San Oscar Romero puede referirse a las preocupaciones actuales del país.

Jueves 21 de marzo de 2019.
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P. Estefan nos hablará en español. Habrá un intérprete para los que hablan inglés.

Eventos de los Viernes—Comidas de Pescado y Vía Crucis

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Bendición de Semillas - Reflexión Cuaresmal

Es una tradición de la iglesia celebrar la Bendición de las Semillas en la temporada de la siembra. La tradición proviene de los agricultores que buscan la bendición de sus cultivos. Ya sea que vivamos en comunidades rurales o no, podemos desear solicitar la protección de Dios para las semillas (o plantas de semillero) en nuestros campos y jardines. Las semillas representan un microcosmos de toda la vida. Por medio de nuestras oraciones, reconocemos el control de Dios sobre la creación y nuestra administración de la misma. Este año, nuestra diócesis ha designado el 16 de marzo como un día de oración en la temporada de la siembra.

Nuestra parroquia celebrará la Bendición de las Semillas en todas las Misas este fin de semana. Las semillas que se sembrarán en nuestro Jardín Comunitario serán bendecidas, y semillas donadas por el Equipo de St. Sabina Green serán bendecidas para llevar a casa y sembrarlas. Al celebrar la Cuaresma en este año del 75 aniversario de nuestra parroquia, le animamos a participar en una reflexión especial de Cuaresma para ayudarnos a todos a "Recordar, Renovar y Regocijarse". Siembre las semillas y vea cómo crecen. Las reflexiones proporcionadas pueden guiar su oración y estimular su crecimiento interior durante esta Cuaresma, para que podamos producir buenos frutos como familia parroquial. Por favor llévese un paquete de semillas y una hoja de Reflexión Cuaresmal después de la Misa.

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