

Saint Sabina Catholic Church

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



The Saint Sabina Love Thy Neighbor Team wishes to thank all of our fellow parishioners who helped make our diaper drive a huge success! Thanks to you all, we were able to provide well over 1000 diapers and wipes to the Baby Grace program, which serves about 80 local families with diapers, clothes, and other necessities.



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.**

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 18, 2018

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Intentions for March 19-23, 2018

Mon.	8am	Communion Service
Tues.	6pm	†Olive Belter
Wed.	10am	†Elaine Amfahr (Foxwood Springs)
Thurs.	8am	†Felix Suwito
Fri.	8am	†Nick Henning

Saturday, March 24, 2018

4:00pm Intentions of the Parish Family

Sunday, March 25, 2018

8:00am	†Theo Suwito
10:30am	†Anna Marie and Mike Arnone
12:30pm Spanish	†Manuel Hurtado Nevarez
	†Esther Flores Bahena

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

†Patrick Bates, husband of Francine Bates

†Olive Belter, mother of Lynn Hillebrand

†Elaine Amfahr, step-mother of Dale Amfahr

†Theo Suwito, husband of Ursula Suwito

†Mary Ann Bays, wife of Valmer Bays and mother of Mark, Donald, Martin, and Karl Bays and Teresa Cable



Calendar/Parish Happenings

Sunday, March 18 - Domingo, 18 de Marzo

- 8:00am Blood Drive
- 9:00am PSR/Parents Lounge
- 9:00am St. Joseph Table
- 10:30am Bible Study
- 11:00am Ensayo del Coro Hispano
- 11:00am Escuela de Religión

Monday, March 19 - Lunes, 19 de Marzo

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

Tuesday, March 20 - Martes, 20 de Marzo

- 9:00am Church Decorating
- 7:00pm ESL/Inglés Como Segunda Lengua
- 7:00pm Living Stones
- 7:00pm Pequeñas Comunidades Cristianas

Wednesday, March 21 - Miércoles, 21 de Marzo

- 9:00am Legion of Mary
- 10:00am Mass at Foxwood Springs
- 7:00pm Choir Practice (4:00 & 10:30 groups)
- 7:00pm Faith Formation Offering—John's Gospel
- 7:00pm Junior High Youth Group
- 7:00pm Knights First Degree

Thursday, March 22 - Jueves, 22 de Marzo

- 6:55am High School Youth Prayer Breakfast
- 9:30am Quilters
- 10:00am Faith Formation Offering—John's Gospel
- 7:00pm RCIA/RICA

Friday, March 23 - Viernes, 23 de Marzo

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

Saturday, March 24 - Sábado, 24 de Marzo

- Gym Decorating for Palm Sunday
- 9:00am Church Cleaning
- 3:00pm Confessions

Sunday, March 25 - Domingo, 25 de Marzo

- Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
- 11:00am Ensayo del Coro Hispano



Thank you to Fr. Fredis Sandoval, who came to visit from El Salvador, speak about the reopening of the case of the assassination of Bishop Oscar Romero, and celebrate our Romero Mass with us!



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 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 Alefa

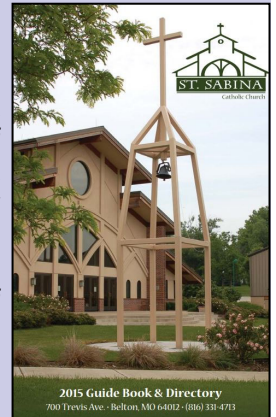
We encounter Alefa in Malawi, where seeds are helping her family survive an uncertain climate. How can you care for God's creation this Lent? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes and find safety or better opportunities? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

Apostolic Blessing of the Holy Father

Couples celebrating anniversaries of a special nature (such as 25th, 50th, 60th) and individuals celebrating milestone birthdays (80th or 90th) may request an Apostolic Blessing from the Vatican for a cost of approximately \$45. The time required for receiving the papal blessing on parchment is approximately two months. For more information, please contact Kris in the parish office. kris@stsabinaparish.org.

Guide Book and Directory Advertising

We have partnered with Guide Book Publishing to provide a Guide Book and Directory for our congregation that we will update and publish annually. This book is delivered directly to every member at no cost to our congregation. Local businesses are being solicited to advertise in the book, but we want to make sure our members have first access to prime locations in this directory. This is a great opportunity for your business because our members prefer to support businesses that support our congregation. Recent results of a survey taken by GBP show that 92.1% of families would rather patronize an advertiser over a non-advertiser and 70.9% consciously look to see who is advertising. If you are interested in advertising in our Guide Book and Directory, please call Kris at 816-979-3151.



Green Team Tip of the Week

The Ocean Cleanup has estimated it will be able to remove 50% of the Great Pacific Garbage Patch in just 5 years. The concentrated plastic will be brought back to shore for recycling and sold to B2C companies. The revenue gained will help fund the cleanup expansion to the other four oceans. Learn more at <https://www.theoceancleanup.com/about/>

Holy Week Schedule

March 24/25 Usual Mass Schedule

March 29 7:00 PM
8 PM - Midnight

March 30 7:00 PM
8:00 PM

March 31 8:00 PM

April 1 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM
12:30 PM

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord—procession at the beginning of 4:00 Sat, 10:30 and 12:30 Sun Masses

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Good Friday Service of the Passion of the Lord
Volunteers needed to help decorate for Easter

The Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord

Misa de Domingo de Pascua de la Resurrección Del Señor

Pastoral Care

Nursing Home Mass Schedule

Mar 21	10:00am	Foxwood Springs
Mar 28	11:00am	Carnegie Village
Apr 4	10:30am	Beautiful Savior

Prayer Requests/Peticiones de Oración

Jim Agnew	Bob Heffernan	Clarence Reynolds
Dick Armstrong	Beth Heide	Anna Ryan
Steven Armstrong	Baby Hendrix	Yvonne Salmon
Marilyn Avalos	Chelsea Hendrix	Roger Schmidt
Teresa Baldwin	Bart Henke	Emily Sigman
Nikki Barrett	Rhonda Henke	Laurie Sigman
Pauline Bellm	Peter Henry	Lois Simpson
Beverly Bell	Henry Hermreck	Ashley Smith
John Bidondo	John Hirt	Shelline Smoot
Maxine Bremer	John Holden	Charles Stinger II
Ryann Burrows	Terri Jackson	Marie Stinger
Ramon Caratachea	Kathy Jongenelen	Jim Storm
Anna Clark	Jenny Kinslow	Leo Storm
Debra Lynn Cline	Leeland Kinslow	Marge Storm
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Al Gebauer	Joan Muench	Jeannette Woolworth
June Glunt	Bella Nouryeh	Merle Woolworth
Michael Gnefkow	Jane Nouryeh	Carmitia Yust
Karen Grantham	Thelma Palmer	Pablo Zayas
Laverne Harlow	Dee Raya	
Cherie Hatfield	Patricia Rellihan	

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

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.

Anointing of the Sick

If you suffer from a chronic illness, the affect of advanced years or have an upcoming surgery and wish to receive this sacrament, let Fr. Jeff know before the Mass you attend and he will be glad to anoint you after Mass. If you would like to schedule it in advance or make an appointment for a weekday contact Marta Roper in the parish office at 816-979-3154.

Wellness Center

Did you know setting the clock and springing forward doesn't have to set us back? It's hard changing up our routine, especially if we get comfortable with our schedule. However, before you protest changes because we're creatures of habit, realize that change is not always a bad thing.

Here are a few steps to get you back in your schedule groove:

1. **Stick to a routine**—A regular sleep pattern (varying the time you go to bed and the time you wake up by no more than 20 minutes) helps keep your internal cycle on track, despite a slight time change.
2. **Stay away from sleep disrupters**—Caffeine, alcohol, over-the-counter sleep medications and naps—close to bed time.
3. **Get some sun**—Exposure to natural sunlight helps regulate your body's natural rhythms. Depending on where you live, the weather may be too cold to spend too much time outside, but you can at least pull up the shade and sit in front of the window for a few minutes.
4. **Work up a sweat**—Engaging in some form of cardiovascular exercise (walking, jogging, biking, swimming) in the late afternoon or early evening may help you fall asleep easier. If you don't have the time or energy to spare, a hot bath can achieve the same result.
5. **Practice good sleep 'hygiene'**—Is it dark enough? Is it cool enough? Is it quiet enough?



Stewardship

“The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me.”

John 12: 23-26

The Magi visited in the beginning of the Lord's life, one might say visiting the cradle. The Greeks are visiting at the completion of His life, one might say visiting the Cross. As the Greeks wanted to know more about Jesus, that is also part of our efforts during Lent, to learn more about Jesus, and to deepen our relationship with Him. This Gospel is so full of information for us. Just after the Lord announces His hour has come, He also says, “Whoever serves me must follow me.” To be a disciple of Jesus we must follow Him. That does not mean you quit your job or abandon your family, but it does mean that everything you do should be as a servant and follower of Jesus.— See more at www.catholicsteward.com/blog/

Contributions for March 11

Envelopes/Sobres:	\$16,794.50
Plate/Canasta:	\$ 1,077.50
Maintenance-Upkeep:	\$ 883.00
Romero Mass:	\$ 500.66
CRS:	\$ 1,801.76

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.



St. Sabina 2nd Annual Benefit Auction

Wear your best Hawaiian shirt or sun dress and please join us for an adult evening of dinner, drinks, and fun, competitive bidding!

Friday, April 27, 2018

- **Auction Opens at 6:00 pm**
- **Dinner is served at 6:30 pm**
- **LIVE Auction begins at 8:00 pm**

Tickets are \$30 Single Tickets, \$50 Couple Tickets

Ticket price includes buffet dinner, open bar, and access to the auction. Must be 21 to attend.

Register early for exclusive access to Preview Night on April 26th, and a chance to win a 'Tailgate Party Basket' (value \$200).

Go online to purchase tickets:

WWW.AUCTRIA.COM/AUCTION/2ANNUALSTSABINA

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.

Seminar for Divorced Catholics

What: Six Keys to Healing: An Evening for Divorced Catholics with Lisa Duffy

When: Friday & Saturday April 20

Where: 20 West 9th Street, Kansas City, Missouri Free parking garage available -The Catholic Center

Join acclaimed author, Lisa Duffy, for this free seminar discussing many common issues divorced Catholics face and discover how our Catholic faith stands ready to offer support, healing, and new life. If you are a divorced Catholic or have a loved one facing this difficulty, you won't want to miss this event!

For more information, please contact the Family Life Office: 816.714.2373 family@diocesekcsj.org

GLTB Catholics:

A 25 year existing group called HOPE of gay and lesbian Catholics that meets regularly on the third Sunday of the month, welcomes new members. Its mission is: Providing a safe, supportive and affirming environment for integrating sexuality and spirituality. Regular activities, along with monthly conversation, a yearly retreat, providing meals for persons in hospice and AIDS centers, worshipping together in local parishes, hosting speakers and interacting with other local groups. Parents and guests are always welcome. For info contact:

Dean at 913-748-7433 or

Sr. Donna Ryan RSM at 816-304-7913

This Week's Do You Know Video:

Our DYK video this week is another in a series on how Christianity evolved from Judaism. It addresses the issue of how Christianity changed under the influence of Roman Emperor Constantine. In the year 312, Constantine made Christianity a valid and accepted religion in the Roman Empire. In so doing, Christianity began to change significantly. You will be amazed to learn that we still struggle both with the good and not so good results of those changes to this very day. Do make some time to check out this week's video at www.stsabinaparish.org and click on the Do You Know Series link.

happy birthday

Maria Abarca	Noelia Gonzalez	Jonathan Olguin
Elvia Abarca	Erick Guardado	Virginia Owen
Hilda Abundiz	Sergio Guevara	Jose Padilla
Leon Arreola	Alberto Guzman	Helen Panebianco
Guadalupe Benitez	Brisa Guzman	Adrian Perez
Araceli Benitez	Melissa Hadley	Serena Persaud
Roger Brown	Jill Heinerikson	Alan Pitallo
Rebeca Buendia	Guerrero Hinojos	Rachael Putman
Carlee Cano	Ferman Hinojos	Payton Rayos
Patty Carbaugh	Ramon Hinojos	Leonel Reyes
Alexis Carrera	Eula Holland	William Rodelo
Miguel Cervantes	Erica Knoll	Oscar Rodriguez
Eva Corchado	Tyler Kudron	Marcos Rosales
Andrew Cornejo	William Kuti	Kristy Sadaro
James Cox	Amy Lee	Jose Salas
Dennis Cruz	Daxton Leuschen	Francisco Salinas
Jessica Cruz	Andrea Maiuro	Gabriela Sanchez
Michael Davis	Clemencia	Erik Sanjuan
Antonio Enriques	Marquez	Nefthaly Torres
Pat Feller	Angel Martinez	Karin Valle
Matthew Friend	Sophia McClish	Hayden VanSickle
Margaret Fuss	Sofia Meakins	Grecia Vega
Ana Garcia	Magali Mendoza	Camila Vergara
Brandon Garcia	Irma Meza	Jose Zamora
Mike Gardiner	Michelle Molina	
	Felicia Moss	

Happy Anniversary

Vidal and Lupe Barrera	49 Years!	3/22/1969
David and Sharon Faust	36 Years!	3/20/1982
Christopher and Maureen Gilkey	32 Years!	3/22/1986
Gary and Traci Pratt	28 Years!	3/24/1990
Edward and Teresa Caesar	14 Years!	3/20/2004
Kenneth and Ellen Lovelace	10 Years!	3/19/2008



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.**

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 Daniel, Sandy Katzer and Blaine, who helped at the Community Meal on February 21!

PSR News

Donut Sunday! The PSR Fifth and Sixth Grade classes will be hosting Donuts in the gathering space after the 8am & 10:30am Masses on April 29. 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.

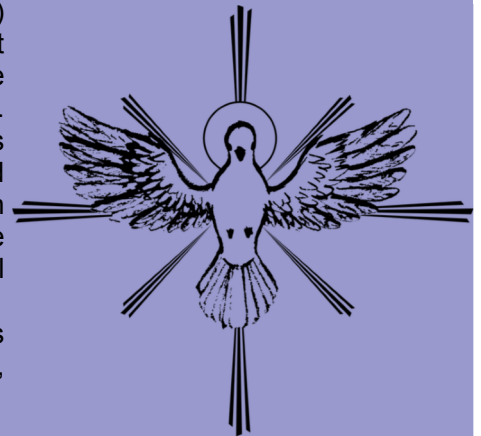
All volunteers with youth and children must attend one Protecting God's Children workshop, submit to a background check and sign the policy on Ethics and Integrity in Ministry, (EIM). More info at <https://kcsj catholic.org/the-office-of-child-and-youth-protection/>

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 Final Confirmation Sponsor Night will be on April 4th, 7-8:30pm in the Parish Hall. All Confirmation Candidates (youth) and their adult Sponsor are expected to attend. If the Sponsor is unable to attend the meeting with the youth, the youth should still attend.

Confirmation Mass will be on Monday, April 9 at 7pm.



Reflection on the Readings

The fifth Sunday of Lent is the last of the three Scrutiny Sundays that are celebrated during Lent whenever the Elect are present. Scrutiny Sundays allow the whole community, especially the elect (catechumens) and candidates, to pray that God would lift from us, both personally and communally, anything that gets in the way of our following Christ.

The gospel readings for Scrutiny Sundays help in focusing our need to draw closer to the life giving waters that only Jesus can give (the Samaritan women at the well), as we open ourselves up to the new sight (the healing of the man born blind) and new life (the raising of Lazarus) that results from being immersed into Jesus through the waters of baptism.

The refrain from Psalm 130 proclaimed on the Fifth Sunday of Lent captures well the intent of the Scrutiny Sundays and the whole of Lent: "With the Lord, there is mercy and the fullness of redemption." With the Lord is "forgiveness." The Lord can be trusted. The Lord's ears are always "attentive" to our "voice in supplication." Therefore, out of the very depths of our life's experiences, we can cry out to the Lord with confidence that things will work out. Our trust is placed completely in God who is merciful and always ready to free us from whatever prevents us from being in relationship.

John's gospel narrative of the raising of Lazarus is a profound narrative having rich baptismal themes. We claim Jesus our Lord of Life. John's Jesus affirms "I am the resurrection and the life." Just as Jesus questions Martha, "Do you believe this?" we too are challenged by Jesus as to whether we believe as well. **Do we really believe that Jesus has the power over life and death? Many affirm belief in an afterlife. But how many of us affirm that belief in this life?** After all Lazarus is not raised to eternal life. Lazarus is raised up in this life, to continue his life once again, renewed in spirit and in body.

How many of us truly believe that our faith in Jesus can help us walk through the many "death" experiences that life sends our way? Life's many losses, hurts and pains are

"deaths" that we experience in this life. Do we believe that God can help us bring new life, meaning and understanding as we walk through these "valleys of darkness"? Do we call out to God "out of the depths" of our lives? **Do we trust that God will hear and bring about new life and meaning out of even the most wretched moments of our lives?**

Ezekiel in the first reading affirms this reality for Jews in exile. Exiled to Babylonia, the people lost their king, temple and land. They are totally crushed and without hope, like dead bones in an open field. **Ezekiel's vision of the valley of dry bones coming back to life offers them hope by affirming God as the God of life and not death. Our God does bring new life no matter how desperate things look or feel.** Ezekiel firmly enjoins us to trust in the Lord who is full of mercy and redemption. We believe that such trust in our loving God does bring about new life, meaning and awareness. **John's Jesus challenges us with "Do you believe this?"**

The second reading from Paul's letter to the Romans proclaims that united with Christ, we have within us the life-giving Spirit as our source of life. "If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells within you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also...." Believe and you will live.

As we anticipate Holy Week and the Easter Triduum, pray that you have the courage to trust the Lord always, no matter what life brings. After all, this is the very meaning of the Paschal Mystery that we celebrate at Easter. "Do you believe this?"

Biagio Mazza,
Pastoral Associate

Readings



Bible Study

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

Sunday, March 25

Gospel at the Procession: Mark 11:1-10

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Psalm: Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Mark 14:1—15:47

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 quinto domingo de Cuaresma es el último de los tres Domingos de Escrutinio que se celebran durante la Cuaresma siempre que los Electos estén presentes. Los Domingos de Escrutinio permiten a toda la comunidad, especialmente a los electos (catecúmenos) y a los candidatos, orar para que Dios quite de nosotros, tanto personalmente como comunitariamente, cualquier cosa que se interponga en nuestro camino de seguir a Cristo.

Las lecturas del Evangelio para los Domingos de Escrutinio ayudan a enfocar nuestra necesidad de acercarnos al agua viva que sólo Jesús puede dar (la samaritana en el pozo), al abrirnos a la nueva vista (la curación del ciego) y a la nueva vida (la resurrección de Lázaro) que resulta de sumergirse en Jesús a través de las aguas del bautismo.

El refrán del Salmo 129 proclamado en el Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma refleja bien la intención de los Domingos de Escrutinio y de toda la Cuaresma: "Del Señor viene la misericordia y la redención copiosa". Con el Señor es el "perdón". Se puede confiar en el Señor. Los oídos del Señor están siempre "atentos" a nuestra "voz de súplica". Por lo tanto, desde las profundidades de las experiencias de nuestra vida, podemos clamar al Señor con confianza de que las cosas saldrán bien. Nuestra confianza está puesta completamente en Dios que es misericordioso y siempre dispuesto a liberarnos de todo lo que nos impide estar en relación con Él.

La narrativa evangélica de Juan de la resurrección de Lázaro es una narrativa profunda que tiene ricos temas bautismales.

Afirmamos que Jesús es nuestro Señor de la Vida, como afirma el Jesús de Juan "Yo soy la resurrección y la vida". Justo como Jesús le pregunta a Marta: "¿Crees tú esto?", también nosotros somos desafiados por Jesús en cuanto a si creemos también. **¿Realmente creemos que Jesús tiene el poder sobre la vida y la muerte? Muchos afirman la creencia en una vida después de la muerte. ¿Pero cuántos de nosotros afirmamos esa creencia en esta vida?** Después de todo, Lázaro no es levantado a la vida eterna. Lázaro es levantado en esta vida, para continuar su vida una vez más, renovado en espíritu y en cuerpo.

¿Cuántos de nosotros realmente creemos que nuestra fe en Jesús puede ayudarnos a caminar a través de las muchas experiencias de "muerte" que la vida nos envía? Las muchas pérdidas, heridas y dolores de la vida son "muertes" que experimentamos en esta vida. ¿Creemos que Dios puede ayudarnos a traer nueva vida, significado y comprensión mientras caminamos por estos "valles de tinieblas"? ¿Clamamos a Dios "de las profundidades" de nuestras vidas? **¿Confiamos en que Dios escuchará y nos dará una nueva vida y un mejor significado de los momentos más miserables de nuestras vidas?**

En la primera lectura Ezequiel afirma esta realidad para los judíos en el exilio. Exiliado a Babilonia, el pueblo ha perdido su rey, su templo y su tierra. Están totalmente destrozados y sin esperanza, como huesos muertos en un campo abierto. **La visión de Ezequiel del valle de los huesos secos volviendo a la vida les ofrece esperanza al afirmar a Dios**

como el Dios de la vida y no de la muerte. Nuestro Dios trae nueva vida sin importar que tan desesperada parece o siente la situación. Ezequiel nos ordena firmemente confiar en el Señor que está lleno de misericordia y redención. Creemos que tal confianza en nuestro Dios amoroso trae nueva vida, significado y conciencia. **El Jesús de Juan nos desafía con "¿Crees tú esto?"**

La segunda lectura de la carta de Pablo a los Romanos proclama que unidos a Cristo, tenemos dentro de nosotros el Espíritu vivificante como nuestra fuente de vida. "Si el Espíritu del Padre, que resucitó a Jesús de entre los muertos, habita en ustedes, entonces el Padre, que resucitó a Cristo de entre los muertos, también les dará vida a sus cuerpos mortales..." Crea y vivirá.

Mientras esperamos la Semana Santa y el Triduo Pascual, ore para que tenga el valor de confiar siempre en el Señor, sin importar lo que traiga la vida. Después de todo, este es el mismo significado del Misterio Pascual que celebramos en la Pascua. "¿Crees tú esto?"

Biagio Mazza
Asociado Pastoral

Lecturas



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

Lecturas del Domingo, 25 de Marzo

Evangelio: Marcos 11:1-10
Primera Lectura: Isaías 50:4-7
Salmo: Salmo 21:8-9, 17-18a, 19-20, 23-24
Segunda Lectura: Filipenses 2:6-11
Evangelio: Marcos 14:1—15:47

Oportunidades para Voluntarios

Uplift Org. Si le gustaría llevar 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.

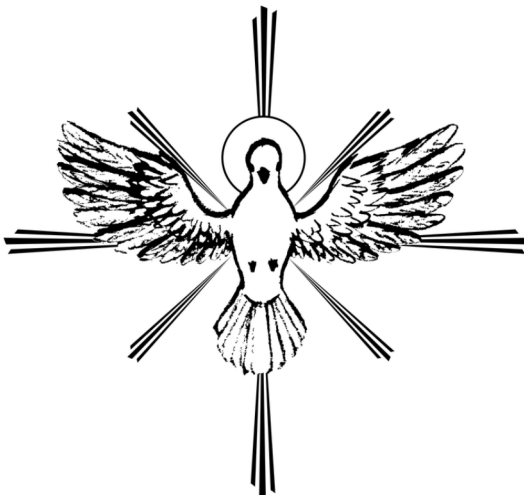
Cocineros de Uplift! Cualquier persona que le gustaría ayudar a preparar una comida para las personas sin hogar está bienvenido a unirse a nuestro equipo en el 4º Lunes de cada mes a las 10am en el gimnasio. Le recomendamos que traiga un cuchillo y pelador de verduras buenos. El próximo día de cocinar es el 26 de marzo.

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 Última Noche de Padrinos para la Confirmación es el 4 de abril, 7-8:30pm en el Salón Parroquial. Se espera que todos los candidatos a la confirmación (jóvenes) y sus padrinos adultos asistan a esta reunión. Si el padrino no puede asistir con el joven, el joven todavía debe asistir. La Misa de confirmación será el lunes, 9 de abril 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

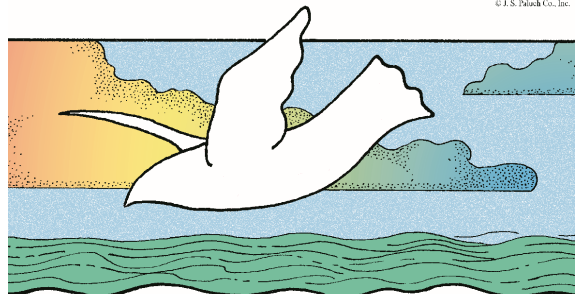
La Diócesis tiene un sincero compromiso con los recursos del cuidado y la curación para las victimas de abuso sexual y a sus familias. Por favor póngase en contacto con la Defensora de Victimas, Kathleen Chastain al 816.392.0011 o chastain@diocesekcsj.org para mas información.

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/>

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.**



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

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

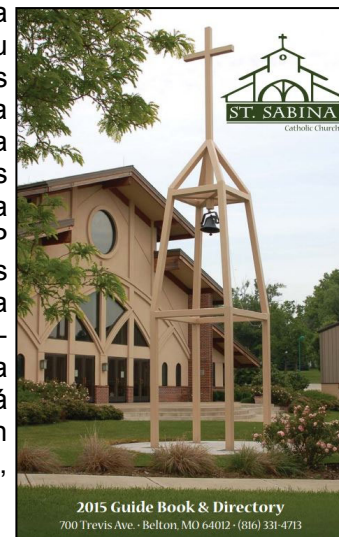
Martes, 20 de marzo, 7p.m. en St. Catherine of Siena

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

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

Anuncios en el Directorio y Guía de la Parroquia

Nos hemos asociado con la Guide Book Publishing para proporcionar un directorio y guía para nuestra congregación que actualizaremos y publicaremos anualmente. Este libro se entrega directamente a cada miembro sin costo para nuestra congregación. Se solicita a los negocios locales anunciar en el libro, pero queremos asegurarnos de que nuestros miembros tengan acceso primero a las ubicaciones principales en este directorio. Esta es una gran oportunidad para su negocio porque nuestros miembros prefieren apoyar a las empresas que apoyan a nuestra congregación. Los resultados recientes de una encuesta realizada por GBP muestran que el 92.1% de las familias preferiría patrocinar a un anunciante que a un no-anunciante y el 70.9% busca quién anuncia. Si está interesado en anunciar en nuestra guía y directorio, llame a Kris al 816-979-3151.



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Horario de Semana Santa

24/25 de marzo	Horario Habitual	Domingo de Ramos de la Pasión del Señor - procesión al principio de las Misas de las 4:00, 10:30 y 12:30
29 de marzo	7:00 PM 8:00 PM-medianoche	Jueves Santo Misa de la Cena del Señor Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento
30 de marzo	7:00 PM 8:00 PM	Viernes Santo Servicio de la Pasión del Señor Se necesitan voluntarios para ayudar a decorar para la Pascua
31 de marzo	8:00 PM	Misa de la Vigilia Pascual
1 de abril	8:00 AM, 10:30 AM 12:30 PM	Domingo de Pascua Misa de la Resurrección del Señor (Inglés) Misa de Domingo de Pascua de la Resurrección Del Señor (Español)



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En esta foto aparece el P. Fredis con Mónica, Marily, y Daniela en el Vía Crucis el viernes pasado. Mas fotos de la visita del P. Fredis y la Celebración Romero en la pagina 3 del lado en Inglés.

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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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.