

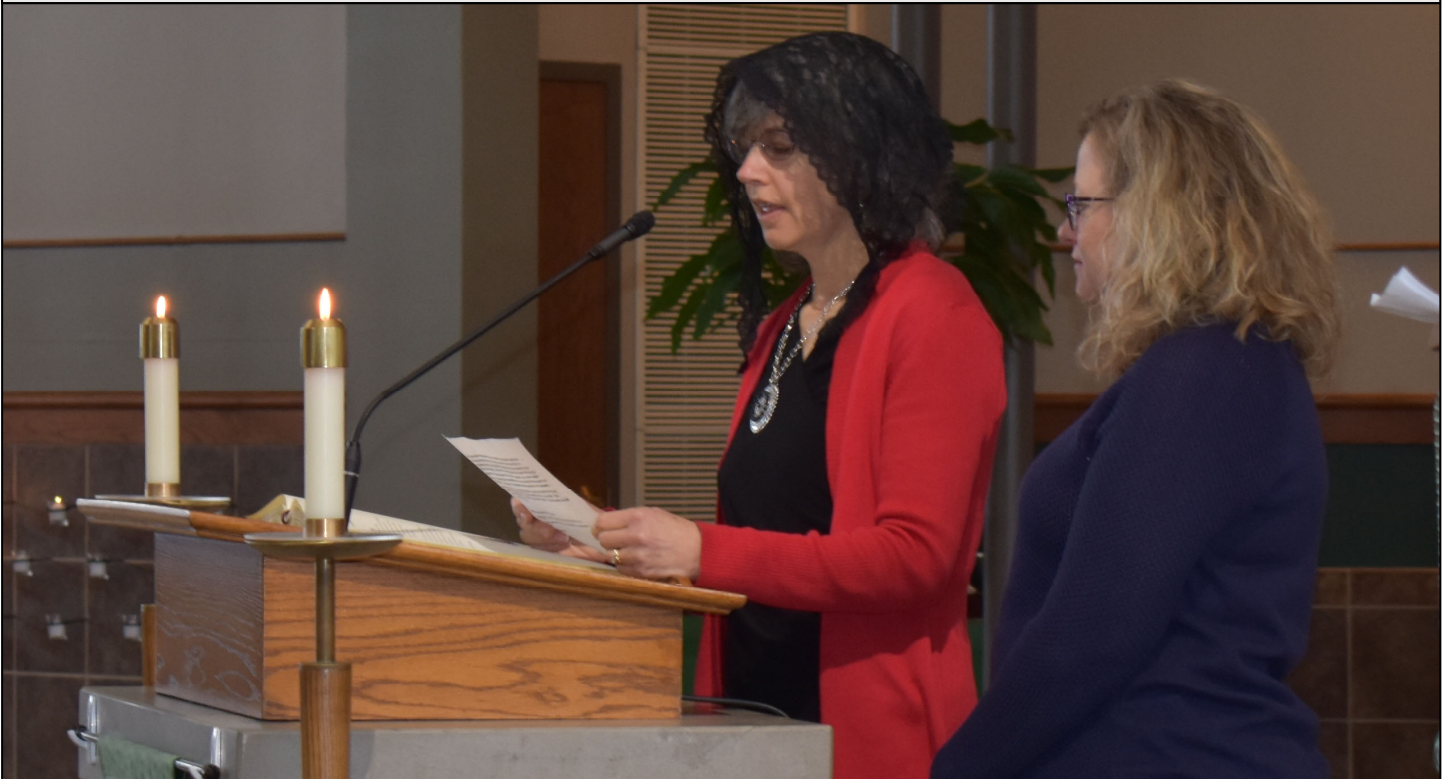
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Remember, Renew, Rejoice...



Pictured, Paulette Samson and Diane Hughes invite parishioners at the 10:30 Mass to be a part of the Altar Society. If you are interested in joining this group, or would like more information, contact Kathy Moorman at kcmoorman@msn.com

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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Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

March 3, 2019

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Intentions for March 4—8, 2019

Mon.	8am	Communion Service
Tues.	6pm	†Jean Rehm-Coomer
Ash Wed.	8am	†Orville Diehl
	10:30am	Communion Service (Beautiful Savior)
	7pm	†Cecilia Imming
Thurs.	8am	†Theo Suwito
Fri.	8am	†Paul DeMar

Saturday, March 9, 2019

4:00pm	Intentions of the Edmonds Family
	†Theo Suwito

Sunday, March 10, 2019

8:00am	Intentions of Our Parish Family
	†Cecilia Imming
10:30am	†Cathy Davis
	†Bob Cummings
12:30pm Spanish	†Jesús Cedillo
	†Pamela Lara

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

†Orville Diehl, father of Joyce Giacone

†Cecilia Imming, wife of Steve Imming

†Emily Frezza, sister of Anita Armstrong

†Marge Caletini, friend of Lori Moss

†Stephen Schwarz, brother of Jean Hanover

†Pauline Bellm, mother of Cheryl Pardoe and Mike Jones



Calendar/Information

Sunday, March 3 - Domingo, 3 de Marzo

Search Retreat

- 8:00am Blood Drive
- 9:00am PSR/Parents Lounge
- 11:00am Ensayo del Coro Hispano
- 11:00am Escuela de Religión

Monday, March 4 - Lunes, 4 de Marzo

- 6:30pm Cub Scout Den Meeting
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, March 5 - Martes, 5 de Marzo

- 9:00am Church Decorating
- 7:00pm Living Stones
- 7:00pm Pequeñas Comunidades Cristianas

Wednesday, March 6 - Miércoles, 6 de Marzo

- Ash Wednesday/Miércoles de Ceniza
- 8:00am Ash Wednesday Mass
- 9:00am Legion of Mary
- 10:30am Mass at Beautiful Savior
- 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal (4:00 and 10:30 groups)
- 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Mass/Misa Bilingüe de Miércoles de Ceniza
- 8:00pm Knights Business Meeting

Thursday, March 7 - Jueves, 7 de Marzo

- 6:55am High School Youth Prayer Breakfast
- 9:30am Piecemakers Quilting Group
- 7:00pm RCIA/RICA
- 8:00pm Choir Rehearsal (8:00 group)

Friday, March 8 - Viernes, 8 de Marzo

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

Saturday, March 9 - Sábado, 9 de Marzo

- 10:00am Pláticas Pre-bautismales
- 10:00am Pláticas Matrimoniales
- 3:00pm Confessions

Sunday, March 10 - Domingo, 10 de Marzo

- 9:00am PSR/Parents Lounge
- 10:30am Bible Study
- 11:00am Ensayo del Coro Hispano
- 11:00am Escuela de Religión
- 2:00pm Protegiendo a los Niños de Dios
- 7:00pm Confirmation and High School Youth Group

Blood Drive—March 3

Blood is a precious resource with a limited shelf life. Red blood cells must be used within 42 days. Platelets must be used within five days. Plasma can be frozen and stored for up to one year. 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 held from 8am-1pm on Sunday, March 3 in the gym. Make an appointment online today using group code "MA" at savealifenow.org/group.

Over 55 Luncheon and Gathering

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

Holy Rosary Credit Union - March 10

Working together to create a world without poverty by providing economic opportunity.

Credit Union Representatives are coming to St. Sabina on **March 10th** and will be available after the 10:30 and 12:30 Masses in the gathering space. Holy Rosary Credit Union (HRCU) is a full-service financial institution available to all the parishes in the Diocese, with the closest branch to us located in Raytown. The credit union has a mission to live out the seven themes of Catholic Social Teaching and offers a complete array of banking products with electronic convenience, but with an added faith-based mission. Representatives will be available to answer questions and offer sign-up for the free products below:

Credit Check Plus: Credit score matters as you go about living your daily life. What is your score? Why is the score what it is? How can you build credit if you don't have any? If you don't like your score, how can you improve it? Your free no-obligation personal session will give you all these answers and more. You will leave with a personal plan to make your score the best it can be.

Solid Foundations: Do you need a path to home ownership? We are here to help you build a solid foundation to achieve your dream. With this free no-obligation personal session, you will leave with an action plan to achieve your dreams of home ownership. We have products that can help you with your dream.

Please stop by and visit HRCU representatives after Mass. You can sign-up for one of the sessions above or just ask about other products and services. Representatives would love to answer questions and share the mission to create a world without poverty by providing economic opportunity.



Parish Information

This Week's Do You Know Video:

As we continue our series on the Christian Creed, this week's DYK video examines the identity and role of the Spirit. The Spirit is God present, active and involved in the world and in all of creation. The Spirit empowers and activates us for mission in building up God's reign, accompanies us on our journey of faith, and guides us in wisdom and truth, gifting us with all that is needed to be disciples. The Spirit, like air and wind, is best understood not by being seen, but by being experienced. As the belief in the Trinity developed, many objected to seeing the Spirit as equal to God, just as Arius had done for Jesus. The Council of Constantinople was called in 381 to address this issue. Their affirmation of equality of the Spirit with Father and Son were inserted into the creed, asserting that the Spirit is Lord, the Giver of Life, something attributed only to God. The Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son, and in union with them is adored and glorified, and who spoke through the prophets. These phrases were inserted to assert definitively that the Spirit was equal to the Father and Son, and thus belief in our Trinitarian God was forever entrenched in the Creed. Make time to view this week's DYK video to learn more about the identity and role of the Spirit in our lives as disciples.



happy birthday

Clara Antillon	Jaqueline Gonzalez	Linda Peters
Rogelio Ayala	JoAnna Gonzalez	Rodrigo Pulido
Joy Banks	Yahir Guzman	Allison Pulido
Marissa Carbaugh	Emily Hanover	Yoselin Ramirez
Wendy Carpio	Mark Haus	Maria Rodriguez
Joselin Cartagena	Karen Henrich	Joel Rodriguez
Wendy Castro	Loreto Jopanda	Manuela Rodriguez Chavez
Theresa Cervantes	Megan Loch	Avatar Santana
Alejandro Chavez	Marisol Martinez	Sofia Serrano
Ashley Cisetti	Cristian Martinez	Michelle Soto
Helen Cook	Juan Melendez	Ursula Suwito
Joseph Cummings	Kristie Michiels	Pamela Thurman
Nancy Daire	Donn Mosman	Jesus Tinoco
Kenneth Daire	Luis Munoz	Xavier Varela
Julia Davis	Noemi Napoles-Gnad	Evelyn Varela
John Driscoll	Rafael Nieves	Yanira Vazquez
Karla Funes	Pat Ohnemus	Donald Verhaalen
Joshua Giacone	Lillian Oldham	Mary Westfall
Joyce Giacone	Andres Orozco	Staci Wilson
Alessa Goldsmith	Nicholas Persaud	

Happy Anniversary

John and Chris Ryan	46 Years!	3/10/1973
Russell and Susan Sirocka	36 Years!	3/10/1983
Jorge and Leonar Huerta	30 Years!	3/4/1989
Jose Guardado and Ana Flores	11 Years!	3/8/2008

Blest Art Sale—March 2-3

Blest Art is honored to represent Christian craftsmen from Bethlehem, Palestine. These families rely on selling their olive wood carvings as the main source of income, a cultural tradition of Palestinian Christians for centuries. However, in the year 2000, as a result of 100 years of political conflict, violent conflict erupted in the Holy Land. Consequently, there was a great decline in the number of pilgrims coming to purchase these beautiful works of art, resulting in a severe reduction in income for those families who rely on selling their handicrafts to pilgrims. This lack of income has led to miserable living conditions. Curfews, roadblocks, and the wall of separation have forced many Christians to flee the Holy Land in search for a better life. Blest Art came to the U.S. in an effort to find alternative markets for those needy families. Blest Art does not accept any donations, but accomplishes its goals by visiting parishes and giving parishioners the chance to purchase unique gifts of religious art from the Holy Land. Blest Art will be here the weekend of March 2-3 and have items for sale after each Mass in the gathering space. For more information, please visit their website, www.BlestArt.org.

Green Team Tip of the Week

Reduce and reuse as much as possible because it is becoming harder to recycle items now that China is no longer accepting them.

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 the weekend of March 9/10 and in the gym with our St. Joseph's Table the weekend of March 16/17. 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.



Information

Beginning Experience Weekend: A Weekend Away for a Lifetime of Change - March 8-10

Precious Blood Renewal Center: 2120 St Gaspar Way, Liberty, 64068. A healing weekend, open to men and women of all ages who have suffered the loss of a spouse through death, divorce, or separation. It is a time to heal and a time to begin anew. Reservations are required. For more information visit: www.beginningexperiencekc.org, email: register.bekc@gmail.com, or contact Lori 913.980.7966.

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 needs of the parish.

Spring High School Volleyball League

Friday-Saturday Evenings (March 29-May 24)

Get your team together now to sign up for this new league, sponsored by Sumner One and held in the Saint Thomas More Gymnasium located at 11800 Holmes Rd KCMO. This is a co-ed, recreational league and teams must include six to nine players. The cost per team is \$500. For more information or to register, contact Kelly Barry at 816-804-3433 or kellybarrykc@gmail.com.

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.

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.



Pastoral Care/Lenten Activities

Nursing Home Mass Schedule

Mar 6	10:30am	Beautiful Savior Communion Service
Mar 13	10:00am	Redwood of Raymore
Mar 20	10:00am	Foxwood Springs

Prayer Requests/Peticiones de Oración

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

Adult Self-Help Grief Recovery Group

Grief and loss are a vital part of being alive. If you love, sooner or later you will lose, and you will grieve. St. Sabina Grief Ministry will offer an Adult Mutual Self-Help Group beginning Tuesday, March 12 from 10-11:30am. This group will meet for six consecutive Tuesdays. The group encourages grieving people to honestly express their feelings, encourages griever to pay attention to their grief and helps grieving individuals recognize and process their feelings. Advance registration is required. Confidentiality is expected. Registration deadline is Tuesday, March 5. For more information, to speak with a prior participant, or to register, please contact Marta Roper at 816-979-3154 or marta@stsabinaparish.org.

Ash Wednesday - Eucharistic Ministers

Ash Wednesday is March 6th. Please plan to distribute blessed ashes on Ash Wednesday to the people you visit. Questions, contact Marta, 816-979-3154 or marta@stsabinaparish.org. Thank you!



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St. Sabina 2019 Lenten Faith Formation Sessions:

Lent is a time to renew and immerse ourselves in our Baptismal call and commitment. The call to holiness, to take on the mind and heart of Christ in all our words and actions, is at the heart of our baptismal commitment as the Lord's disciples. This call and commitment continually spurs us on to deepen our awareness of and response to our God who invites us into a loving relationship from the first moment of our existence.

During Lent, St. Sabina will offer five sessions designed to familiarize ourselves with Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation, *Rejoice and Be Glad (Gaudete et Exsultate): On the Call to Holiness in Today's World*. The document is reader-friendly and a true and sure guide on how we are called to exercise our baptismal commitment in our daily living. Francis clearly reminds us that it is in those small things of life that holiness is cultivated and embraced.

The sessions are scheduled for Wednesday evenings from 7-9 PM beginning March 13 and ending on April 10. The sessions will be repeated on Thursday mornings from 10 AM -12 PM beginning March 14 and ending on April 11. All are welcomed to make time this Lent to enter more deeply into our Baptismal call to holiness. More information and registration is available in the gathering space.

Friday Activities—Fish Fries and Stations

Our Knights of Columbus are once again hosting fish fries on Fridays 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!

Ash Wednesday Schedule

We will have an English Mass at 8am on Wednesday, March 6 and a bilingual Mass at 7pm on Wednesday, March 6.



Stewardship

Contributions for February 24

Contributions for February 24 will be listed in the March 10 bulletin.

Community Garden Update

The Community Garden needs straight t-posts, cattle panels, rolls of 4 inch cage wire and rolls of hardware cloth. Please contact David Pierce 816-392-1110 or Michelle Rose 919-624-4407 with questions or donations.

Attention Gardeners

Do you have an interest in keeping our church grounds neat and attractive? Spring is coming and we have 15 garden beds, including two rose gardens. There is a sign up sheet in the gathering space for



people who are willing to adopt a garden or just want help by trimming bristles/rosettes. If you have any questions, contact Jim Bornheimer at 816-331-6824.

CRS Rice Bowls

Join our faith community—and more than 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's Rice Bowl in the gathering space beginning Wednesday, March 6. During the 40 days of Lent, we will encounter the needs of the world. And don't forget to download the CRS Rice Bowl app!

Contribution Statements for the Year 2018

Contribution statements for the year 2018 have been either mailed or emailed to those who have previously indicated they wish to receive them that way. If you would like to receive your statement by mail or email, please contact Jeff Shields in the parish office. Otherwise, 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.

Art and Environment Help Needed:

Have you ever entered the church at the start of a new liturgical season and noticed that it looks different? The green is gone! How come things are red now? Where did all the plants go? Look at all those lilies! The group of people responsible for those changes is our Art and Environment team. It is their job to set the visual tone for each liturgical season. We are seeking volunteers to help the Art and Environment committee prepare for Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Planned dates for church environment preparations are below. Preparations include hanging decorations, placing needed liturgical items and organizing spaces used in the special liturgies of the season. There is no heavy lifting, just a need for help with lots of details. Please sign up in the gathering space or contact Susan Ratigan (susan@stsabinaparish.org or 816-979-3158) if you would like to help one or all of these dates.

We are also seeking someone who would help to organize this group of volunteers—someone to make phone calls, organize supplies, and other light administrative duties throughout the year. Please contact Susan Ratigan if you can fill this need. Thank you! Church decorating dates are:

Ash Wednesday Tuesday March 5, 9:00 AM

Palm Sunday Thursday, April 11, 9:00 AM

Holy Thursday Wednesday, April 17, 9:00 AM

Good Friday Friday, April 19, 9:00 AM

Easter Friday, April 19, 8:00 PM (after Good Friday Service)

Pentecost Friday, June 7, 9:00 AM

"Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own?"

How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me remove that splinter in your eye," when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your own eye? You hypocrite! Remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter in your brother's eye."

Luke 6: 41-42

Everything we have is a gift from God to be used for His honor and glory. This includes the gift of speech and, even more broadly, all forms of modern-day communication — email, text, Twitter, Facebook and the rest. What comes forth from our mouths, or keyboard, or phone, is a reflection of what is in our minds and hearts. Our ability to communicate with each other is itself a gift which we must steward well. In the same Gospel passage, Jesus reminds us, "No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher." The more time we spend with Jesus, our teacher, through regular prayer and a strong sacramental life, the more we will become like Him. Then all that we do and say (and tweet and post) will bring others closer to Him. This is the life's work of the Christian steward. It is privileged work indeed. — See more at www.catholicsteward.com/blog/.



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.

First Reconciliation! We have rescheduled the Reconciliation service for March 12th at 7pm in the church. Please check in with Kirstie Roberts or a teacher when you arrive.

saint snippets

Press forward
and fear nothing.

St. Katharine Drexel
She gave up an inheritance of \$7 million to enter religious life and then created a system of Catholic schools for African-Americans

March 3

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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/>

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows

OUR HEARTS HAVE
UNLIMITED STORAGE
CAPACITY FOR GOODNESS.
CLOUD STORAGE
NOT NEEDED.



Jesus told his disciples,
"A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good,
but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil;
for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks." Lk 6:45

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Reflection on the Readings

This Sunday marks the last Sunday in Ordinary Time, before the beginning of the Lenten season. We will return to Ordinary Time after the great ninety days of the Lent-Easter-Pentecost festal season which culminates with the celebration of the feast of Pentecost. **The readings today speak of the need we all have for self-reflection regarding the words and actions that flow from our inner selves. The readings also highlight the testing that is needed to determine between the just and the wicked.**

Human beings are often quick to judge others usually based on appearances or what might be considered culturally acceptable. **It is the rare person who refrains from judging others, but rather focuses on their own thoughts and actions and what they convey to others. Such self-reflection and knowledge is a gift that we need to cultivate with God's help and guidance.** Our ability to refrain from judging others is a gift from God, enabling us to be and act justly. **The refrain from Responsorial Psalm 92 acknowledges this gift as we sing out, "Lord, it is good to give thanks to you."**

The first reading from Sirach, a wisdom literature book, relates several proverbs from agriculture, art and horticulture that help us go beyond surface appearance, and glean wisdom from everyday experiences. Wheat needs sifting, the potter carefully heats pottery, and the gardener meticulously cares for the tree so that, in all cases, the outcome is a good product. So too with humans. The inner person has to be cultivated if a good product is desired. That human product is determined on the basis of a person's words. **If the words are in line with one's actions, then integrity is clearly manifested. If they are not, then hypocrisy results.**

Luke's gospel passage proclaims the last portion of Jesus' Sermon on the Plain. Like Sirach, Jesus uses everyday experiences and parables from life and nature to garner wisdom for a life of discipleship. **Why do we easily focus on the faults of others while we excuse, minimize or never acknowledge our own? Is not this like the blind leading the blind? Is not this hypocrisy? Jesus advises that before we speak, we need to be self-aware of our own faults, the "wooden log" in our eye, before we can speak or help**

another with the "splinter" in their eye. This requires humility, defined as the ability to know oneself, both the good and the not so good, before one can speak about another, "for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks." A good tree will produce good fruit. **A person who cultivates their inner life, fully aware of self, both their gifts and their faults, will speak truth, thus producing good fruit. A self-aware, humble disciple should always be quick to forgive and loathe to judge.**

This way of living is the result of the transformation that occurs when we freely choose to die to self and be intimately united to the resurrected Jesus. Paul, in his first letter to the Corinthians, clearly affirms that in the resurrected Christ our corrupted and mortal selves take on incorruptibility and immortality, such that even death is "swallowed up" and no longer has the ability to "sting" us. **Thus, a transformed disciple, connected to the risen Lord, will remain devoted, firm and steadfast whenever tempted to judge or lord it over others.** Such a disciple intuitively knows that what is done in the Lord will never be done in vain.

As we begin the Lenten season this coming Wednesday, today's readings offer us a rich opportunity to reflect on the transformation that the Lenten season afford us. How can we use Lent as a time to cultivate self-awareness of the "wooden log" in our own eye, and refrain from judging the "splinter" in another's eye? How will you exercise humility in the presence of God and others? **How will you counter the temptation to judge others with a stance of compassion, mercy and forgiveness towards all, most especially those who might have offended or hurt you? The challenge of Lent is to grow in our baptismal call to be more deeply transformed into our risen Lord. A blessed Lent to us all.**

Biagio Mazza, Pastoral Associate

Readings



Bible Study

Sunday, March 3

1st Reading: Sirach 27:4-7

Psalm: Psalm 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a)

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Gospel: Luke 6:39-45

Sunday, March 10

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Psalm: Psalm 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (see 15b)

2nd Reading: Romans 10:8-13

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

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 10 and 24 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

Este domingo marca el último domingo del Tiempo Ordinario, antes del comienzo de la temporada de Cuaresma. Regresaremos al Tiempo Ordinario después de los grandes noventa días de la temporada festiva de Cuaresma, Pascua y Pentecostés, que culmina con la celebración de la fiesta de Pentecostés. Las lecturas de hoy hablan de la necesidad que todos tenemos de auto-reflexión con respecto a las palabras y acciones que fluyen de nuestro interior. Las lecturas también resaltan las pruebas que se necesitan para determinar entre el justo y el malvado.

Los seres humanos muchas veces son rápidos en juzgar a los demás, por lo general basándose en las apariencias o en lo que podría considerarse culturalmente aceptable. **Es la persona rara la que se abstiene de juzgar a los demás, sino que se centra en sus propios pensamientos y acciones, y en lo que transmiten a los demás. Tal auto-reflexión y conocimiento es un regalo que necesitamos cultivar con la ayuda y guía de Dios.** Nuestra capacidad de abstenernos de juzgar a otros es un don de Dios, que nos permite ser y actuar con justicia. **El estribillo del Salmo Responsorial 92 reconoce este regalo cuando ya que cantamos: "Es bueno darte gracias, Señor".**

La primera lectura de Eclesiástico, un libro de literatura sobre la sabiduría, relaciona varios proverbios de la agricultura, el arte y la horticultura que nos ayudan a ir más allá de la apariencia superficial y extraer sabiduría de las experiencias cotidianas. Es necesario tamizar el trigo, el alfarero calienta la cerámica con cuidado y el jardinero cuida meticulosamente el árbol para que, en todos los casos, el resultado sea un buen producto. Así también con los humanos. La persona interior debe ser cultivada si se desea un buen producto. Ese producto humano se determina sobre la base de las palabras de una persona. **Si las palabras están en línea con las acciones de uno, entonces la integridad se manifiesta claramente. Si no lo son, entonces resulta la hipocresía.**

El pasaje del evangelio de Lucas proclama la última parte del discurso de Jesús en el monte. Al igual que Eclesiástico, Jesús usa las experiencias cotidianas y las parábolas de la vida y la naturaleza para acumular sabiduría para una vida de discipulado. **¿Por qué nos centramos fácilmente en las faltas de los demás mientras nos disculpamos, minimizamos o nunca reconocemos las nuestras?** ¿No es esto como el ciego guiando al ciego? ¿No es esto hipocresía? **Jesús aconseja que antes de hablar, debemos ser conscientes de nuestras propias faltas, "la viga" en nuestro propio ojo, antes de poder hablar o ayudar a otra persona con "la paja" en su ojo.** Esto requiere humildad, definida como la capacidad de conocerse a uno mismo, tanto lo bueno como lo no tan bueno, antes de que uno pueda hablar sobre otro, "pues la boca habla de lo que está lleno el corazón". Un buen árbol producirá buenos frutos. **Una persona que cultiva su vida interior, plenamente consciente de sí misma, tanto de sus dones como de sus fallas, hablará la verdad, produciendo así buenos frutos. Un discípulo humilde, consciente de sí mismo, siempre debe ser rápido en perdonar y odiar juzgar.**

Esta forma de vida es el resultado de la transformación que se produce cuando elegimos libremente morir al uno mismo y estar íntimamente unidos con el Jesús resucitado. Pablo, en su primera carta a los corintios, afirma claramente que en el Cristo resucitado, nuestro ser corrupto y mortal, asume la incorruptibilidad y la inmortalidad, de tal manera que incluso la muerte es "aniquilada" y ya no tiene la capacidad de agujearnos. **Por lo tanto, un discípulo transformado, conectado con el Señor resucitado, seguirá siendo devoto y firme cuando sea tentado a juzgar o señorearse sobre los demás.** Tal discípulo intuitivamente sabe que lo que se hace en el Señor nunca se hará en vano.

Al comenzar la temporada de Cuaresma este miércoles, las lecturas de hoy nos ofrecen una gran oportunidad para reflexionar sobre la transformación que nos brinda la temporada de Cuaresma. ¿Cómo podemos usar la Cuaresma como un momento para cultivar la autoconciencia de "la viga" en nuestro propio ojo y abstenernos de juzgar "la paja" en el ojo de otro? ¿Cómo ejercerá la humildad en la presencia de Dios y de los demás? ¿Cómo contrarrestará la tentación de juzgar a los demás con una postura de compasión, misericordia y perdón hacia todos, especialmente aquellos que podrían haberle ofendido o lastimado? El desafío de la Cuaresma es crecer en nuestro llamado bautismal para transformarnos más profundamente en nuestro Señor resucitado. Les deseo una bendita Cuaresma para todos nosotros.

**Biagio Mazza
Asociado Pastoral**

Lecturas



Lecturas del Domingo, 3 de Marzo

Primera Lectura: Eclesiástico 27:5-8
Salmo: Salmo 92(91):2-3, 13-14, 15-16
Segunda Lectura: 1 Corintios 15:54-58
Evangelio: Lucas 6:39-45

Lecturas del Domingo, 10 de Marzo

Primera Lectura: Deuteronomio 26:4-10
Salmo: Salmo 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15
Segunda Lectura: Romanos 10:8-13
Evangelio: Lucas 4:1-13



Ministerio Juvenil/Información

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 próxima 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 pancarta 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.

Primera Reconciliación! Hemos reprogramado el servicio de Reconciliación para el 12 de marzo a las 7 pm en la iglesia. Por favor, pasen con Kirstie Roberts o un maestro cuando lleguen.

Seguridad Infantil

La Diócesis de Kansas City-St. Joseph esta comprometida a luchar contra el abuso sexual en la Iglesia. Si usted es víctima 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 víctima tiene menos de 18 años de edad).
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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 víctimas de abuso sexual y a sus familias. Por favor póngase en contacto con la Defensora de Víctimas, Kathleen Chastain al 816.392.0011 o chastain@diocesekcsj.org para mas información.

Todas las personas que son voluntarios con los jóvenes ó niños de nuestra parroquia deben atender a un taller llamado Protegiendo a los Niños de Dios, también necesitaran someterse a una verificación de antecedentes y deberán firmar la póliza sobre Éticas e Integridad en el Ministerio (EIM). Más información en <https://kcsicatholic.org/the-office-of-child-and-youth-protection/>

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.



Corresponsabilidad/Información

Platicas Pre-Bautismales - 9 de Marzo

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.

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**

Holy Rosary Credit Union - 10 de marzo

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Representantes del Credit Union llegarán a Sta. Sabina el 10 de marzo y estarán disponibles después de las Misas de 10:30 y 12:30 en el espacio de reunión. Holy Rosary Credit Union (HRCU) es una institución financiera de servicio completo disponible para todas las parroquias de la Diócesis, con la sucursal más cercana a nosotros ubicada en Raytown. La cooperativa de crédito tiene la misión de vivir los siete temas de la enseñanza social católica y ofrece una gama completa de productos bancarios con conveniencia electrónica, pero con una misión adicional basada en la fe. Los representantes estarán disponibles para responder preguntas y ofrecer la inscripción para los productos gratuitos a continuación:

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Pase y visite a los representantes de HRCU después de la Misa. Puede inscribirse en una de las sesiones anteriores o simplemente preguntar sobre otros productos y servicios. A los representantes les encantaría responder preguntas y compartir la misión de crear un mundo sin pobreza brindando oportunidades económicas.



Eventos de los Viernes—Comidas de Pescado y Vía Crucis

Nuestros Caballeros de Colón están haciendo sus comidas de pescado otra vez los viernes durante la Cuaresma. El menú incluirá: pescado frito, pescado al horno con mantequilla de limón, pescado al horno cajún, hushpuppies, maíz, papas con ajo, papas fritas, ensalada de repollo, espaguetis sin carne, pan y una mesa de postres.

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Horario del Miércoles de Ceniza

Habrà una Misa en Inglés a las 8am el miércoles, 6 de marzo y una Misa bilingüe a las 7pm el miércoles, 6 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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