

Saint Sabina Catholic Church

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



Congratulations to Grayson Miles, son of Matt and Stevie, who was baptized on February 18th!

An Evening With Fr. Fredis Sandoval



You are invited to an evening with Fr. Fredis Sandoval. Fr. Fredis will speak to us about the situation in El Salvador, his work with the Concertación Romero, and about the reopening of the case of the assassination of Blessed Oscar Romero.

**Thursday, March 8, 2018
7:00pm - St. Sabina Parish Hall**

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

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.**

Third Sunday of Lent

March 4, 2018

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Intentions for March 5-9, 2018

Mon.	8am	Communion Service
Tues.	6pm	†June Dolensek
Wed.	10:30am	†Carole Eckford (Beautiful Savior)
Thurs.	8am	†Felix Suwito
Fri.	8am	†Patrick Bates

Saturday, March 10, 2018

4:00pm	Intentions of the Parish Family
6:00pm	†Sabas Valle (Romero Mass/Misa Romero)

Sunday, March 11, 2018

8:00am	†Arlene Guss
10:30am	†Marilyn Bantrop
12:30pm Spanish	†Ramon Hernandez Reyes
	†Pamela Lara

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

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

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

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

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

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



Calendar/Parish Happenings

Sunday, March 4 - Domingo, 4 de Marzo

Diaper Drive—Donut Sunday

Elda's Compassion First Communion Boutique

9:00am PSR/Parents Lounge

11:00am Ensayo del Coro Hispano

11:00am Escuela de Religión

Monday, March 5 - Lunes, 5 de Marzo

7:00pm Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts

7:00pm Talleres de Oración y Vida

Tuesday, March 6 - Martes, 6 de Marzo

6:30pm Tour of the Church Night

7:00pm ESL/Inglés Como Segunda Lengua

7:00pm Living Stones

7:00pm Pequeñas Comunidades Cristianas

Wednesday, March 7 - Miércoles, 7 de Marzo

9:00am Legion of Mary

10:30am Mass at Beautiful Savior

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 Business Meeting

Thursday, March 8 - Jueves, 8 de Marzo

6:55am High School Youth Prayer Breakfast

9:30am Quilters

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

7:00pm Evening with Fr. Fredis/Una Tarde con el P. Fredis

7:00pm RCIA/RICA

7:00pm Cub Scout Committee Meeting

Friday, March 9 - Viernes, 9 de Marzo

5:00pm Fish Fry

6:30pm Stations of the Cross

7:00pm Via Crucis

Saturday, March 10 - Sábado, 10 de Marzo

CRS Appeal

Altar Society Crucifix Sale

10:00am Platicas Pre-bautismales

10:00am Retiro para Quinceañeras/Quinceañera Retreat

3:00pm Confessions

6:00pm Romero Mass, Celebration/Misa y Celebración Romero

Sunday, March 11 - Domingo, 11 de Marzo

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9:00am PSR/Parents Lounge

11:00am Ensayo del Coro Hispano

11:00am Escuela de Religión

Blood Drive—March 18

Blood is a precious commodity 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 on Sunday, March 18, 8am-1pm in the **Parish Hall**. Make an appt. online now at esavealifenow.org and use **sponsor code: saintsabina**.

FISH FRY



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

Monday, March 5, 7pm at St. Margaret
Sunday, March 11, 2pm at St. Thomas More
Tuesday, March 13, 7pm at St. Sabina Parish
Tuesday, March 13, 7pm at Our Lady of Lourdes (Harrisonville)
Wednesday, March 14, 7pm at Holy Spirit
Sunday, March 18, 6:30pm at Presentation
Monday, March 19, 7pm 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 Safiata

In Burkina Faso, we encounter Safiata, a mother, grandmother and farmer who relies on the money she makes from her crops to put her children through school. How can our purchases this Lent support farmers and artisans? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes and find safety or better opportunities? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

Romero Celebration

March 10 - 6pm

On Saturday, March 10
our Salvadoran



Community will host our parish's annual celebration in honor of Blessed Bishop Oscar Romero. Mass will begin at 6:00pm and **Fr. Fredis Sandoval will celebrate the Mass.**

Padre Fredis grew up in the diocese of Santiago de María in El Salvador. Monseñor Romero came to serve as bishop there when Fr. Fredis was in high school. Fr. Fredis was in San Salvador studying philosophy from 1977-1980, thus was present in San Salvador throughout the time Romero was Archbishop.

Fr. Fredis was ordained a priest in 1982. He served as a diocesan priest in his home diocese, Santiago de Maria from 1983-1986. From 1986-1988 he attended the Gregorian University in Rome, where he received a degree in theology. From 1988 to 1992 he served as a professor of theology at the San José de la Montaña Seminary in El Salvador, serving as rector from 1990-92.

From 1993-2003 Fr. Fredis returned to Rome, writing his doctoral thesis on Monseñor Romero's Christology and Ecclesiology. In 2003 he returned to San Salvador, where his focus has been on education, providing pastoral training and training to catechists. From 2004 to the present, he has served as a chaplain and professor at Colegio Santa Teresa de Jesús, a Catholic school in San Marcos that offers pre-school through high school. Fr. Fredis teaches high school students. Fr. Fredis is a founding member of the Concertación Romero, and holds a deep conviction of the importance of contributing to justice in the case of Blessed Oscar Romero's assassination.

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

Pastoral Care

Nursing Home Mass Schedule

Mar 7	10:30am	Beautiful Savior
Mar 14	10:00am	Redwood of Raymore
Mar 21	10:00am	Foxwood Springs

Prayer Requests/Peticiones de Oración

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

Help For the Heartache of Abortion

Rachel's Vineyard Upcoming Retreats

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

Mental Health Resource Numbers

NAMI - National Alliance on Mental Illness

816-931-0030 - Support, Education, Advocacy

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

1-800-273-TALK (8255) Available 24/7

ACI Mental Health Crisis Hotline

1-888-279-8188 Available 24/7, Multilingual

Wellness Center

Did you know? If you need to shovel snow or remove ice from a driveway or sidewalk, keep in mind that this activity can be more strenuous than exercising full throttle on a treadmill. That's no problem if you are healthy and fit. But it can be dangerous if you are not.

Here are some tips for safer shoveling:

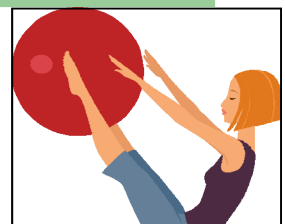
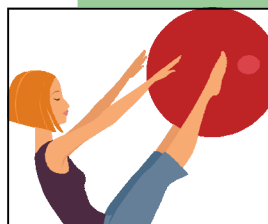
- ❄ Warm up your muscles before starting
- ❄ Shovel light loads instead of heavy ones
- ❄ Take frequent breaks and drink plenty of water

If you are out of shape or worried about your heart, hire a teenage neighbor to help. In the meantime, start slowly and build up your endurance by taking full advantage of your new membership at the High Blue Wellness Center.



Wellness Center Class Schedule

Monday:	Intermediate Yoga 1-2pm Gentle Yoga 2-3pm Yoga 6-7pm
Tuesday:	Stretch & Strength 1-2pm Gentle Stretch & Strength 2-3pm Circuit Training 6-7pm
Wednesday:	Intermediate Yoga 1-2pm Gentle Yoga 2-3pm Restorative Yoga 6-7pm
Thursday:	Stretch & Strength 1-2pm Gentle Stretch & Strength 2-3pm Yoga 6-7pm
Friday:	Intermediate Yoga 1-2pm Gentle Yoga 2-3pm ReFit® 6-7pm



Stewardship

“I, the LORD, am your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery. You shall not have other gods besides me.”

Exodus 20: 2-3

The Commandments are considered essential for spiritual good health and growth. They serve as the basis for Catholic social justice. A review of the Ten Commandments is a common type of examination of conscience before receiving the sacrament of Penance. As Lent draws to a close, it is important for each of us to go to confession and receive the sacrament of Penance. As part of that we may wish to look at our lives and how we live them through the holy words of the Ten Commandments. — See more at www.catholicsteward.com/blog/

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

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

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

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

Community Garden Thanks

The Community Garden thanks Ricky Hernandez for building 5 more raised beds for his Eagle Scout Project! Thanks to Mike Larkey for being his mentor, Dennis Squires for creating the blueprints and Troop 111 for their participation! To join the Community Garden, please contact David Pierce at 816-392-1111 or Michelle Rose at 919-624-4407.



Green Team Tip of the Week

K-6 schools can enter the No MO Trash can decorating contest. Deadline is March 16, 2018
<http://www.nomoretrash.org/trash-can-contest>.

Contributions for February 25

Envelopes/Sobres:	\$11,340.80
Plate/Canasta:	\$ 1,330.46
Maintenance-Upkeep:	\$ 750.50

Online Giving

St. Sabina offers an online giving option for parishioners and visitors. This is an easy, safe and secure way to make contributions online. To set up a one-time or recurring contribution: go to our parish website at www.stsabinaparish.org, click the "Online Giving" button in the top right section and fill out the online contribution form.



Catholic Relief Services 2nd Collection - Mar 10

Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRS). Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here at home and abroad. Next week, please give generously to CRS, and **help Jesus in disguise**. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Thank You from the St. Thomas More Auction Committee

St. Sabina Volunteers-

Thank you so much for your help to support the St. Thomas More Auction this year. We really appreciate your time and helping make our event a success!

-STM Auction Committee

Information

The Power of Forgiveness: Learn How and Why to Forgive

Forgiveness is at the heart of the Christian journey: God's forgiveness of us, and our call to forgive others as we have been forgiven. But how do you do it? **Believe it or not, there is a well-researched process to follow—**and it can be learned.

Join Dr. Chuck Rhodes for a 3-session series on Forgiveness. He'll cover the theological and scriptural understanding of forgiveness, move into the psychological stages of self-forgiveness and the pitfalls to avoid, and explore models of forgiving others. It will all be supported by extensive research on the benefits of forgiveness and how critical and life-changing it is for our spiritual journey. Bring a friend and make this a part of your Lenten journey!

When: Mondays, March 5, 12, and 19
Either 10:30am-noon or 7pm-8:30pm

Where: St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, 2 E 75th St (at Main St), Kansas City, in Seton Hall.

To help estimate handouts needed, please RSVP to mmclean@stekc.org



Friends! Help us promote the game this year! Let's support our priests with the largest attendance yet! Please join us for the 5th Annual Pitching for Priests Softball game!

Early Bird special ending
Friday, March 9th!
Save \$2 per ticket!

We will have baseball cards of each player this year!

Last year we had 2,200 people attend the game! Help us support our priests this year. **We have a goal of 4,500 attendees!**

Friday, July 6th at 7:00 pm
Location - Community America Ballpark
T-Bones Stadium

Purchase tickets at:
<https://catholicradionetwork.ticketspice.com/pitching-for-priests-2018>
and use coupon code: **earlybird**

happy birthday

Joyce Abrams	Emily Hanover	Andres Orozco
Juan Abundiz	Karen Henrich	Faviola Ortega
Johann Aguilar	Juan Hernandez	Sherrie Ortiz
Daniel Almendarez	Stanley Hilger	Elena Ostrom
Clara Antillon	John Hirt	Donna Owings
Grace Ashbeck	Jennifer Hooper	Ramiro Palomares
Rogelio Ayala	Natalia Iniguez	Nicholas Persaud
Joy Banks	Lesly Jaquez	Greg Pruitt
Jessica Basurto	Ashley Jara	Rodrigo Pulido
Eric Bautista	Anaid Jimenez	Allison Pulido
Barbara Benavides	Katherene Juarez	Werner Ramirez
Elsa Cantu	Grace Kathol	Yoselin Ramirez
Marissa Carbaugh	Anna Kelsey	Terry Richards
Joselin Cartagena	Ivy Kelsey	Maria Rodriguez
Theresa Cervantes	Megan Loch	Joel Rodriguez
Ashley Cisetti	Sherry Lopez	Manuela Rodriguez Chavez
Helen Cook	Anthony Maiuro	Roselia Rojo
Joseph Cummings	Marisol Martinez	Deysi Sanchez
Nancy Daire	Cristian Martinez	Avatar Santana
Kenneth Daire	Luis Mendoza	Sofia Serrano
John Driscoll	Kristie Michiels	William Skeens
Stephanie Fowler	Karen Moore	Michelle Soto
Karla Funes	Javier Morales	Jesus Tinoco
Joshua Giaccone	Donn Mosman	Xavier Varela
Joyce Giaccone	Thomas Murphy	Evelyn Varela
Alessa Goldsmith	Noemi Napoles-Gnad	Karlos Vasquez
Elsa Gomez	Cheryl Nichols	Logan Vasquez
Jaqueline Gonzalez	Rafael Nieves	Yanira Vazquez
JoAnna Gonzalez	Felicia Oakes	Aaron Vazquez
Alma Gonzalez	Patricia Ohnemus	Donald Verhaalen
Yahir Guzman	Genesis Olguin	Mary Westfall
Matt Hammack	Carina Olivares	Staci Wilson
Nathaniel Hammack		

Happy Anniversary

John and Chris Ryan	45 Years!	3/10/1973
Russell and Susan Sirocka	35 Years!	3/10/1983
Manuel and Cristina Garcia	18 Years!	3/9/2000
Luis and Edith Caldera	13 Years!	3/11/2005
Jose Guardado and Ana Flores	10 Years!	3/8/2008
Alberto Viveros and Marisela Aguilar	6 Years!	3/7/2012

Wedding Congratulations

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



School of Religion/Youth Ministry

Volunteer Opportunities

Uplift Org. If you would like to bring meals to the homeless on the 4th or 5th Monday of any month, contact Kirstie Roberts! This ministry is open to all parishioners age 14 and older. Volunteers must report to the Uplift Warehouse by 5pm and will be finished around 9:30pm.

Uplift Cooks! Anyone who would like to help prepare a meal for the homeless is welcome to join our team on the 4th Monday of each month at 10am in the gym. We recommend that you bring a good cutting knife, vegetable peeler and can opener. **Our next cooking date is Monday, March 26th.**

Harvesters! This local food bank provides food to needy families around the KC area. Volunteers are needed to help sort food donations and pack weekend food bags for kids in our community. We will be taking a group of 5 people on the third Thursday of each month. **Our next date is March 15, 6-8pm.** If you would like to volunteer, call or email Kirstie in the Youth Office.

Community Meals Lord of Love Lutheran Church offers a free meal to the community each Wednesday. Every third Wednesday of the month St. Sabina volunteers help prepare, serve and clean up in an effort to work together with other Christians to carry out Christ's work. **Our next volunteer date is March 21st.** Contact Berenice Zayas for more information or to sign up at 816-979-3150 or berenice@stsabinaparish.org.



Thank you to Bailee, Presley, and Elaine Christopher, who helped at the community meal on February 21!

Quinceañera Retreat

Our annual quinceañera retreat for girls will be held on Saturday, March 10 from 10am until 4pm at St. Sabina Parish in the Parish Hall. This retreat is to prepare young ladies for their Quinceañera as well as serve as an opportunity for all girls ages 14 and older to explore their faith and share in the joys of being a young Catholic lady. Registration forms are available on our website at www.stsabinaparish.org/permission-slips/.

Child Safety

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

1. **Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and**
2. **Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and**
3. **After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Jenifer Valenti, at 816.812.2500 or JeniferValenti@att.net, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.**

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Victim Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011 or chastain@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

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

Youth News

Thursday Morning Donuts! Every Thursday that Belton High School is in session, Kirstie will have donuts and a little prayer for High School youth heading to school. The Youth Office doors will open at 6:55am for kids to stop in on their way to school.

The Next Confirmation Sponsor Night will be on March 14th, 7-8:30pm in the Parish Hall. All Confirmation Candidates (youth) and their adult Sponsor are expected to attend these meetings. If the Sponsor is unable to attend a meeting with the youth, the youth should still attend. If you are having difficulty finding a Sponsor, please contact Kirstie Roberts in the Youth Office and she will be happy to find someone for you.

PSR News

Donut Sunday! The PSR Fourth Grade class will be hosting Donuts in the gathering space after the 8am & 10:30am Masses on Mar 4. Please stop by their table to say hello!

Reflection on the Readings

In the early church, Lent was primarily a forty day period of immediate and intense preparation for those who were going to be baptized or fully initiated at the Easter Vigil. These catechumens, now called the "Elect", had been in preparation for a number of years, and were drawing near to their full incorporation into Christ. With the Vatican II restoration of the catechumenate, Lent once again takes this intense and primary focus. **Parishes preparing catechumens and candidates for full communion enter Lent with a focus on our communal baptismal journey, both for those already baptized as well as for those about to be baptized.**

Baptism is the symbol of our commitment to take on the mind and heart of Christ. Whether done as an infant or as an adult, the same commitment is made by all. In living our lives, we discover many obstacles and difficulties in living out our commitment to be like Christ. We come to realize our need for help and support in living out that commitment. **Community and prayer are crucial in helping us stay on the right track. This is why the third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent are called Scrutiny Sundays.** While focused primarily on catechumens, these Sundays are also intended for all the baptized to recommit themselves to their baptismal promises.

Scrutiny Sundays challenge all of us to scrutinize or examine ourselves for those areas in our lives that prevent us from fully living out Jesus' life style and values. The catechumens, now called the Elect, as well as all of the baptized, are asked to surface, name and acknowledge those obstacles. **In so doing, all ask God's help and that of the community to rid ourselves of them so that God's light and life may shine through.**

The Scrutiny Sunday readings from Year A are chosen to help us in this very process. Today's gospel reading from John speaks of Jesus as the "living water come down from heaven" meant to slake all of our thirsts. **Jesus' revealing encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well is a model for our daily encounter with Jesus.**

Just as the Samaritan woman slowly comes to deepen her awareness of

and her relationship to Jesus, so we too are called to that same task. Just as the Samaritan woman leaves all behind to announce to her fellow villagers the good news she has discovered in Jesus, so we too are missioned to proclaim to all we encounter the good news that we have found in Jesus. **Like the Samaritan woman, the testimony of our intimate encounter with Jesus will lead others to Jesus, hopefully to encounter him with the same intimacy and intensity we have found.**

This is what baptism does for us. It invites, it challenges, it missions, and it calls us to greater and greater involvement with Christ, the world and one another. Baptism plunges us into the very heart of Jesus, continually challenging us to seek the living water that only Jesus can provide. **We thirst for many things in our lives. Often those thirsts become obstacles in our relationship to Jesus and others.**

This Lent, refine your thirst for the living water which only Jesus can provide. Seek Jesus out and ask him to help you remove anything that keeps you separated from him. Join in singing with great meaning and significance the refrain of Responsorial Psalm 95, "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts." **Ask that your heart may be continually opened to God's ways and not ours. During the next three Sundays, scrutinize your life, family, community and world and ask God to help you live your baptismal commitment more fully.**



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**Biagio Mazza,
Pastoral Associate**

Readings



Bible Study

Sunday, March 4

1st Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

Psalm: Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)

2nd Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Gospel: John 4:5-42

Sunday, March 11

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

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

2nd Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel: John 9:1-41

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Reflexión Sobre las Lecturas

En la iglesia primitiva, la Cuaresma fue principalmente un período de cuarenta días de preparación inmediata e intensa para aquellos que iban a ser bautizados o completamente iniciados en la Vigilia Pascual. Estos catecúmenos, ahora llamados los "elegidos", habían estado en preparación durante varios años, y se acercaban a su plena incorporación a Cristo. Con la restauración del Vaticano II del catecumenado, la Cuaresma vuelve a tomar este enfoque intenso y primario. Las parroquias que preparan a los catecúmenos y los candidatos para la comunión plena entran en la Cuaresma con un enfoque en nuestro viaje bautismal comunitario, tanto para los bautizados como para los que están a punto de ser bautizados.

El bautismo es el símbolo de nuestro compromiso de asumir la mente y el corazón de Cristo. Ya sea bautizado como un bebé o como un adulto, el mismo compromiso está hecho por todos. Al vivir nuestras vidas, descubrimos muchos obstáculos y dificultades para vivir nuestro compromiso de ser como Cristo. Llegamos a darnos cuenta de nuestra necesidad de ayuda y apoyo para vivir ese compromiso. La comunidad y la oración son cruciales para ayudarnos a seguir el camino correcto. Es por eso que el tercer, cuarto y quinto domingos de la Cuaresma se llaman los Domingos de Escrutinio. Si bien se centran principalmente en los catecúmenos, estos domingos también están destinados a todos los bautizados a comprometerse de nuevo a sus promesas de bautismo.

Los Domingos de Escrutinio nos desafían a escudriñarnos o examinarnos a nosotros mismos en aquellas áreas de nuestras vidas que nos impiden vivir plenamente el estilo de vida y los valores de Jesús. Se les pide a los catecúmenos, ahora llamados los elegidos, así como a todos los bautizados, que den a conocer y reconozcan esos obstáculos. Al hacerlo, todos piden la ayuda de Dios y la de la comunidad que nos libremos de ellos para que la luz y la vida de Dios puedan brillar.

Las lecturas del Domingo de Escrutinio del Año A se eligieron para ayudarnos en este mismo proceso. La lectura del evangelio de hoy habla de Jesús como el "agua viva que descende del cielo" destinada a saciar todas nuestras sed. El encuentro revelador de Jesús con la mujer samaritana en el pozo es un modelo para nuestro encuentro diario con Jesús.

Así como la mujer samaritana lentamente llega a

profundizar su conciencia y su relación con Jesús, así también nosotros estamos llamados a esa misma tarea. Así como la mujer samaritana deja todo atrás para anunciar a sus compatriotas la buena nueva que ha descubierto en Jesús, también nosotros somos misionados a proclamar a todos que encontramos las buenas nuevas que hemos encontrado en Jesús. Como la mujer samaritana, nuestro testimonio de nuestro encuentro íntimo con Jesús guiará a otros a Jesús, con la esperanza de encontrarle con la misma intimidad e intensidad en que nosotros hemos encontrado con Jesús.

Esto es lo que el bautismo hace por nosotros. Invita, desafía, misiona, y nos llama a un compromiso cada vez mayor con Cristo, el mundo y uno al otro. El bautismo nos sumerge en el mismo corazón de Jesús, continuamente desafiándonos a buscar el agua viva que sólo Jesús puede proporcionar. Tenemos sed de muchas cosas en nuestras vidas. Muchas veces esas sed se convierten en obstáculos en nuestra relación con Jesús y los demás.

Esta Cuaresma, mejore su sed de agua viva que solo Jesús puede proveer. Busque a Jesús y pídale que le ayude a eliminar cualquier cosa que le mantenga separado de Él. Únase a cantar con gran significado el estribillo del Salmo Responsorial 94: "Ojalá escuchen hoy su voz 'No endurezcan el corazón'". Pida que su corazón se abra continuamente a la voluntad de Dios y no a la nuestra. Durante los próximos tres domingos, escudriñe su vida, familia, comunidad y mundo y pida a Dios que le ayude a vivir su compromiso bautismal más plenamente.

Biagio Mazza
Asociado Pastoral

Lecturas



Lecturas del Domingo, 4 de Marzo

Primera Lectura: Éxodo 17:3-7

Salmo: Salmo 94:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

Segunda Lectura: Romanos 5:1-2, 5-8

Evangelio: Juan 4:5-42

Lecturas del Domingo, 11 de Marzo

Primera Lectura: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

Salmo: Salmo 115:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19

Segunda Lectura: Romanos 8:31b-34

Evangelio: Marcos 9:2-10

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.

Harvesters! Este banco de alimentos local proporciona alimentos a las familias necesitadas de todo el área de KC. Se necesitan voluntarios para ayudar a organizar las donaciones de alimentos y para preparar bolsas de comida para fines de semana para niños en nuestra comunidad. Vamos a llevar un grupo de 5 personas en el tercer Jueves de cada mes. Nuestra próxima fecha es el 15 de marzo de 6-8 pm. Si desea ser voluntario, llame ó mande un correo electrónico a Kirstie en la Oficina de los jóvenes.

Comidas Comunitarias La Iglesia Luterana Lord of Love ofrece una comida gratis a la comunidad cada miércoles a la cual usted está invitado. Cada tercer miércoles del mes voluntarios de Sta. Sabina ayudan a preparar, servir y limpiar en un esfuerzo de trabajar junto con otros cristianos para llevar a cabo la obra de Cristo. Nuestra próxima fecha como voluntarios es el 21 de marzo. Contacte a Berenice Zayas en la oficina parroquial para más información. 816-979-3150.

Noticias Juveniles

Donas los Jueves por la Mañana! Cada jueves que Belton High School tiene clases, Kirstie tendrá donas y hará oraciones con los jóvenes de High School antes de ir a la escuela. Las puertas de la Oficina de la Juventud se abrirán a las 6:55am para que los jóvenes pasen antes de la escuela.

La Próxima Noche de Padrinos para la Confirmación es el 14 de marzo, 7-8:30pm en el Salón Parroquial. Se espera que todos los candidatos a la confirmación (jóvenes) y sus padrinos adultos asistan a estas reuniones. Si el padrino no puede asistir a una reunión con el joven, el joven todavía debe asistir. Si tienes dificultades para encontrar un padrino, póngase en contacto con Kirstie Roberts en la Oficina de la Juventud y ella estará encantada de encontrar a alguien para ti.

Seguridad Infantil

La Diócesis de Kansas City-St. Joseph esta comprometida a luchar contra el abuso sexual en la Iglesia. Si usted es 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), 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 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://kcsj catholic.org/the-office-of-child-and-youth-protection/>

Platicas Pre-Bautismales - 10 de Marzo

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.

Retiro para Quinceañeras

Nuestro retiro anual de quinceañeras para las niñas se llevará a cabo el sábado, 10 de Marzo, desde las 10:00am hasta las 4:00pm en el Salón Parroquial de Santa Sabina. Este retiro es para preparar a las jóvenes para su Quinceañera, así como también sirve de oportunidad para que todas las niñas de 14 años o más exploren su fe y compartan las alegrías de ser una joven católica. Hojas para registrarse están disponibles en nuestra página web: www.stsabinaparish.org/permission-slips/ y en el espacio de reunión.



Información y Corresponsabilidad

Una Tarde Con El Padre Fredis Sandoval



Están invitados a una tarde con el Padre Fredis Sandoval. El P. Fredis nos hablará sobre la situación en El Salvador, su trabajo con la Concertación Romero y la reanudación del caso del asesinato del Beato Oscar Romero.

Jueves, 8 de Marzo, 2018
7:00pm - Salón Parroquial de Sta. Sabina

P. Fredis nos hablará en español. Habrá un intérprete para aquellos que hablan inglés.



El 17 de Febrero, los catecúmeno participaron en el Rito de la Elección en preparación para su iniciación plena a la iglesia en la Vigilia Pascual.

Celebración Romero - 10 de Marzo - 6pm

El sábado, 10 de Marzo nuestra comunidad Salvadoreña será la anfitriona de la celebración anual de nuestra parroquia en honor del Beato Obispo Oscar Romero. La Misa comenzará a las 6pm y **el Padre Fredis Sandoval celebrará la Misa.**

El Padre Fredis creció en la diócesis de Santiago de María en El Salvador. Monseñor Romero vino a servir como obispo allí cuando el Padre Fredis estaba en la escuela secundaria. Fredis estaba en San Salvador estudiando filosofía desde 1977 hasta 1980, por lo que estuvo presente en San Salvador durante todo el tiempo que Romero fue arzobispo.

P. Fredis fue ordenado sacerdote en 1982. Sirvió como sacerdote diocesano en su diócesis natal, Santiago de María desde 1983-1986. De 1986 a 1988 asistió a la Universidad Gregoriana en Roma, donde recibió un título en teología. De 1988 a 1992 se desempeñó como profesor de teología en el Seminario San José de la Montaña en El Salvador, sirviendo como rector de 1990-92.

Desde 1993-2003 el P. Fredis regresó a Roma, escribiendo su tesis doctoral sobre la Cristología y Eclesiología de Monseñor Romero. En 2003 regresó a San Salvador, donde se centró en la educación, brindando capacitación pastoral y capacitación a catequistas. Desde 2004 hasta ahorita, se ha desempeñado como capellán y profesor en el Colegio Santa Teresa de Jesús, una escuela católica en San Marcos que ofrece desde preescolar hasta la escuela secundaria. P. Fredis enseña a estudiantes de secundaria. P. Fredis es miembro fundador de la Concertación Romero y tiene una profunda convicción de la importancia de contribuir a la justicia en el caso del asesinato de Romero.

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

A circular medallion containing a painting of the Virgin Mary, crowned and holding a scroll, with a small wooden model of a church in front of her.

Horarios de la Oficina: 9:00am-5:00pm, Lunes - Jueves y 9:00am-1:00pm, Viernes



4 de Marzo del 2018