Saint Sabina Catholic Church

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

Congratulations to the children who received their First Communion last weekend!

Mass Times

Saturday: 4:00pm in English

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

Visit our website for Holy Day and special Mass times

Ministry Fair

Please plan on attending the ministry fair next weekend after Mass to learn about the many opportunities our parish offers for living a Stewardship lifestyle and enjoy food, fellowship with other members of our parish family and door prizes.

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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Intentions for April 25-29, 2016

Mon.	8am	Intentions of George Panebianco
Tues.	6pm	†Trine Vides
Wed.	8am	†Tomás Turcios
	11am	Intentions of Joe & Vicki Fenske (Carnegie Village)
Thurs.	8am	Intentions of Edward &Donna Fenske & Family
Friday	8am	Intentions of Lawrence &
Agnes		Fenske & Family

Saturday, April 30, 2016

4:00pm	†Joe and Tally Fenske
	Intentions of the Parish Family

Sunday, May 1, 2016

8:00am	†Florence Lusco
10:30am	†Ella Hemmen
12:30pm Spanish	†Florina Gonzalez
	†Luis Alonso Rodriguez

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

†Florence Lusco, Carnegie Village

†Chester Hopkins, son of Mabel Hopkins, brother of Sandy Flynn

†Douglas Cheney, son-in-law of Mabel Hopkins, brother-in-law of Sandy Flynn

†Charlotte Byrnes, Beautiful Savior

†Frances Little, sister-in-law of Wayne Little

†Tomás Turcios, father of Delmy Giron and Oscar Turcios

Calendar/Parish Happenings

Sunday, April 24 - Domingo, 24 de Abril

8:30am	Teachers' Brunch
9:00am	Parents Lounge
9:00am	PSR
11:00am	Escuela de Religión

Monday, April 25 - Lunes, 25 de Abril

10:00am	Uplift Meal Prep
4:00pm	Uplift
5:30pm	Marian Prayer Group
6:00pm	Entrenamiento de Guías para los Talleres
7:00pm	Cub Scout Pack meeting
7:00pm	Boy Scouts Gym

Tuesday, April 26 - Martes, 26 de Abril

4:30pm	Confessions
6:00pm	Girl Scouts
7:00pm	Boy Scout Committee Meeting
7:00pm	English as a Second Language Inglés Como Segunda Lengua
7:00pm	Foundations for Living Stones
7:00pm	Talleres de Oración y Vida

Wednesday, April 27 - Miércoles, 27 de Abril

9:00am	Legion of Mary
11:00am	Mass at Carnegie Village
7:00pm	Choir Practice (4:00 & 10:30 groups)

Thursday, April 28 - Jueves, 28 de Abril

9:30am	Quilters
7:00pm	Presentación Sobre el Año de Misericordia

Friday, April 29 - Viernes, 29 de Abril

6:00pm	Art Show

Saturday, April 30 - Sábado, 30 de Abril

1:00pm	Quinceañera de Gissel Mora
3:00pm	Confessions
5:00pm	Ministry Fair/Feria de Ministerios

Sunday, May 1 - Domingo, 1 de Mayo

Ministry Fair/ Feria de Ministerios

9:00am	Parents Lounge
9:00am	PSR
11:00am	Escuela de Religión
7:00pm	High School and Confirmation Youth

Need Help with Your Home?

We are gearing up for our second St. Sabina Helping Hands work day. We are currently accepting applications for those who need help with minor home repairs and yard maintenance such as: some painting, gutter work, minor plumbing, etc. Applications and more information are available in the gathering space. If you need help with your home, please look over the information provided in the gathering space, as this is not a complete list of what we can do.

The Fifth Gospel – The Writings of the Prophet Isaiah

Monday Evenings, May 2-9-16-23, 2016 ~ 7-9 PM
Repeated Wednesday Mornings, May 4-11-18-25, 2016 ~ 10 AM-Noon

The book of Isaiah is the most often quoted prophetic book in the New Testament. We use many passages from Isaiah in our lectionary, especially during the seasons of Advent-Christmas and Lent-Easter. The New Testament writers were familiar with Isaiah and used it often as a backdrop to understanding Jesus' identity, mission and ministry. These four two-hour sessions will present a basic introduction to the Book of Isaiah, with a special focus on Chapters 40-55, what is commonly referred to as the writings of Second Isaiah.

Come, bring a bible and a friend and let us together explore this most important prophetic book, and its impact on Jesus and the New Testament. Such awareness will deepen our knowledge of God's word as well as enhance our full, conscious and active participation in the Sunday liturgy. These sessions would greatly benefit all liturgical ministers, especially lectors and cantors. All Christian denominations and faith traditions are most welcome.

Parish Happenings and Information

Fasting Before Receiving Communion

The Code of Canon Law states, "A person who is to receive the Most Holy Eucharist is to abstain for at least one hour before holy communion from any food and drink, except for only water and medicine... The elderly, the infirm, and those who care for them can receive the Most Holy Eucharist even if they have eaten something within the preceding hour." Therefore, those receiving holy communion should fast one hour prior to receiving communion, not one hour before Mass begins. As the saying goes, "breakfast is the most important meal of the day," so be assured that you can eat breakfast before coming to Mass in the morning.

Bilingual Story Time Summer Break

The Belton Library is getting ready to begin their summer schedule, and during the summer months there will not be story time at St. Sabina. They will resume offering story time at St. Sabina in the fall.

Guide Book Directory Advertising Opportunity

We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book & Directory for the church. This book will contain everything pertinent to our church: the various ministries, organizations, committees, activities, functions and events plus a complete directory of all members. This book is being provided and direct-mailed to each family at no cost to our church, and it is again being subsidized by local businesses that advertise. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please call the Church Office. Recent survey results by Guide Book Publishing show that 92.1% of families would rather patronize a Guide Book & Directory advertiser over a non-advertiser. It "will pay" to advertise in our new Guide Book & Directory.

Update Membership Information

Does our Church database have YOUR family membership record correct?

Here is your chance to update YOUR record for our annual Guide Book & Directory (if you haven't already done so).

It is time for us to update our database with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in YOUR family over the past year.

Have you changed your phone number? Have you moved? Are you preparing to move soon? Are all of your children still at home and are they all included in your membership record? Do you want your record published?

If you have not already informed the Church Office about changes to your record, please let us know now so that the information in the Guide Book & Directory is correct. The Church Office number is 816-331-4713.

2016 Art Show

The St. Sabina Altar Society and the *In Our Lady* homeschool group would like to invite you to their free end-of-the-year art show. It will be Friday, April 29th, from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM in the gym. It's an open-house, gallery-style show, so come when you wish. Many styles and mediums will be presented – all created by wonderful students from 3rd through 12th grades. Many of these students call St. Sabina their parish. If you have any questions, you may call Kristi Darby at 816-210-6775 or email at Kristi@kcmo.net. We hope to see you there!

You probably noticed this new fixture in the gathering space last weekend. Thank you to the anonymous donor who gave this beautiful table to our parish. Also a special thank you to Delfina Chavez, mother of parishioner Zenaida Cortes, who donated this vibrant altar cloth which she crafted herself!

Pastoral Care

Nursing Home Mass Schedule

Apr 27	11:00am	Carnegie Village
May 4	10:30am	Beautiful Savior
May 11	10:00am	Rehabilitation of Raymore
May 18	10:00am	Foxwood Springs

Join us for our Wednesday Mass at area senior centers and nursing homes. Your kind presence brings great happiness to those in long term care. Have questions? Contact Marta in the parish office.

"'Lord, when did we see you sick or in prison and come to you?' The King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.'" Matthew 25:44-45

Ministry Fair Next Weekend

Be sure to stop by our ***Ministry to the Sick and Homebound*** table next weekend after all Masses. Talk to someone whose life has been touched by this ministry. Pick up prayers for the sick and information about this ministry at our parish.

In this year of Mercy our Church is the voice of Mercy Working with the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas Project Rachel will begin hosting one-day retreats, known as "Unfailing Mercy," to share God's mercy and healing after abortion. The one day retreats are held on Saturdays, from 8:30am to 5:00pm. Women and men of all ages are welcome. For location and details call 816-591-3804 or email projectrachel@diocesekcsj.org. Your confidentiality will be respected. *Sometimes… one day really can change everything.*

Prayer Requests/Peticiones de Oración

Felipe Abarca	Antonio Garcia	Mona Neighbors
Diana Avery	Wilma Gaines	Sherril Nevins
Beverly Bell	Jason Hart	Gary Palmer
Pauline Bellm	Jeanette Hart	Thelma Palmer
Sheryll Bentley	Cherie Hatfield	Leona Ragsdale
John Bidondo	Bob Heffernan	Linda Regnier
Allie Biondo	Pat Heffernan	Mary Renfro
Lonny Borchers	Bart Henke	Austin Richards
Richard Borris	Mabel Hopkins	Kathy Shields
Gretchen Butler	Mary Ellen	Patricia Smith
Mark Butler	Hermann	Joe Stanley
Tom Butler	Kelly Jordon	Noah Stanley
Georgene Caoile	Ashley Junkunc	Lois Stogsdill
John Caoile	Kelsey Krum	Jean Tate
Delfina Chaves	Filemu Lemautu	Ruth Tayler
Trish Clark	Beverly Little	Ann Verhulst
Marvin Cohen	Jo Locke	Kaley Wagner
Joseph Coots	Msgr J Mancuso	Marie Wilburn
Donna Dailey	Gloria McLaughlin	Bob Westfall
Paul DeMar	Denise Mehlo	Mary Westfall
Butch Ford	Alice Miller	Brandi Wiatrek
Emily Frezza	Nadine Monnig	Carmitia Yust
Dick Garnier	John Malena	Pablo Zayas

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 or Fr Curt know before the Mass you attend and they 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

Exercise Anyway, Anytime

For years we've been told that exercise improves sleep unless you work out close to bedtime, in which case it can have the opposite effect. But according to recent research, exercise can be great whenever. Kelly Glazer Baron, PhD, an assistant professor of neurology at Northwestern University explained his findings. When insomniacs did 30 minutes of exercise as late as 7:00pm, three times per week, we found that it actually improved their sleep. A separate poll also found that working out within four hours of bedtime won't keep most people up. How about curing insomnia? The subjects in the experiment slept 45 minutes longer and reported having higher-quality sleep. It took about two to four months to take effect. Dr. Baron reports that they don't know why it takes that long. It could be due to improvements in mood, which take time to have a lasting effect on our sleep patterns.

Wellness Center Class Schedule

Monday:	Intermediate Yoga 1-2pm Gentle Yoga 2-3pm Yoga 6-7pm
Tuesday:	Stretch & Strength1-2pm Gentle Stretch & Strength 2-3pm
Wednesday:	Intermediate Yoga 1-2pm Gentle Yoga 2-3pm Strength & Restore 6-7pm
Thursday:	Stretch & Strength 1-2pm Gentle Stretch & Strength 2-3pm ReFit® 5-6pm
Friday:	Intermediate Yoga 1-2pm Gentle Yoga 2-3pm Circuit Training 5-6pm
Saturday:	Open Workout 8:30-11:30am Refit® 10-11am

Area Information

Diocesan Healing Prayer Services The diocese continues to reach out to those impacted by abuse by offering healing services. The next service will be held at **St. Therese Parish 7207 NW Highway 9, Kansas City, 64152 on Wednesday May 25th at 7:00 p.m.**

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month
Knowledgeable and caring adults who are committed to protecting children can also protect our Church. Learn how to report child abuse
https://kcsjcatholic.org/the-office-of-child-and-youth-protection/investigation-and-action-2/

Priests Softball Game - June 19 Please join us for the **3rd Annual Pitching for Priests Softball game** at Community America Ballpark (**T-bones Stadium**) in the Legends shopping area on FATHER'S DAY, **Sunday June 19, 2016 at 5:00 pm**. Player introductions, National Anthem, and the first pitch will begin at 4:45 pm. If you order tickets online they will be available at the game (will call). Tickets will not be mailed. For more information, please visit https://squareup.com/market/catholic-radio-network/nd-annual-pitching-for-priests-softball-game.

Camp Erin, June 10-12 The weekend camp designed for children and teens that have experienced a ***significant loss*** is coming up June 10 – 12. Parents/ guardians can contact Lisa Farmer for more information: lfarmer@kchospice.org or 816-276-2766.

Singles Spring Fling Dance The Cure' of Ars Singles will host its annual SPRING FLING DANCE on Saturday, April 30, 2016 from 7:30p.m. to 11:30p.m. in the school cafeteria at 9401 Mission Road, Leawood, KS. The cost of $20 at the door includes meat hors d'oeuvres, desserts, wine, beer, soda, and bottled water. Lighted parking behind the school. Questions? (913) 631-6873.

Married Couples: Does gardening give you a sense of wonder and fulfillment? On your wedding day, you lovingly planted the seeds of a lifelong relationship. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will give you the "gardening tools" you need to help your marriage grow and blossom. The next Weekend in Kansas City is May 13-15, 2016. For more information or to apply, please visit our website: www.wwme4youandme.org

Baptism Congratulations

Congratulations to our newly baptized:
Berenice Perez Hinojos, daughter of Miguel Perez and Claudia Hinojos
Savannah Renee Fuss, daughter of Shawn and Margaret Fuss

happy birthday

Jessica Aguilar	Gerzo Guerrero	Jaclyn Mueller
Alondra Aguirre	Catalina Guillermo	Madison Norris
Denise Ashby-Cohen	Brandy Haddock	Kevin Osudia
Betty Axtell	Al Hermann	Valeria Osuna
David Ayers	Alma Edith Hernandez	Kevin Overhaug
Alex Baez	Rosy Hernandez	George Panebianco
Jazmin Baez	Monica Hernandez	Jessi Peralez
Loryn Baker	Raymundo Hernandez	Dianna Pina
Sawyer Batchelder	Linda Hoye	Josephine Pinon
Jamie Castillo	Jessica Jacoway	Ava Pointer
Jorge Castro	Anne Kennedy	Jude Potts
Jonathan Cervantes	Alex Landaverde	Casandra Razo
Kendall Cooper	Ginny Leslie	Paige Rewald
Brianna Cruz	Alison Lopez	Jeff Richardson
Ryan Donnelly	Rutilo Lopez	Donavan Rivas-Ramirez
Angelica Duron	Victoria Lopez	Ashley Rodriguez
Maddie Eshleman	Malissa Madrigal	Ipe Rosales
Luis Garcia	Michael Madrigal	Brynn Schoenberger
Nathan Garner	Gabriel Martinez	Hugo Soperanez
Ana Giron	Jenni Martinez	Jorge Vargas
Florina Gonzalez	Michelle Mata Franco	Christopher Velazco
Ryan Grantham	Amber Miederhoff	Betty West
Quinn Gray	Ana Molina	Dorothea West
Christy Gudenkauf	Gladis Molina	Avery Woodfine
		Emilio Zarco

Happy Anniversary

Paul and Judy Wantz	43 Years!	04-28-1973
Judy and Tony Lafata	35 Years!	05-01-1981
Chris and Susi Butler	30 Years!	04-26-1986
Frank and Beth Hansel	27 Years!	04-29-1989
Alejandro and Jeaulte Garcia	23 Years!	04-30-1993
Donnie and Lisa Henry	23 Years!	05-01-1993
Doug and Pauline Lehman	21 Years!	04-29-1995
Jose Mauro and Lorena Castro	20 Years!	04-27-1996
Lori and Chuck Stewart	20 Years!	04-27-1996
Faustino and Maria Rocha	15 Years!	04-27-2001
Gerardo and Cheryl Rugerio	15 Years!	04-28-2001
Charlie and Tina Wilbur	14 Years!	05-01-2002
Kati and Clint Hill	13 Years!	04-26-2003
Luis and Sonia Oquendo	13 Years!	04-26-2003
Gerardo and Karla Venzor	11 Years!	04-29-2005
Tony and Jennifer Mitchell	9 Years!	04-28-2007
Melissa and Dave Anderson	8 Years!	04-26-2008
Juan and Carrie Santiago	5 Years!	04-28-2011
Tucker and Brandi Wiatrek	5 Years!	04-29-2011
Angelique and Zach Magill	4 Years!	04-28-2012

School of Religion/Youth Ministry

Junior High Youth! Our next meeting will be on May 4th 7-8:30pm in the Parish Hall. We're looking forward to seeing you!

High School & Confirmation Youth Group Your next meeting will be on May 1st from 7-8:30pm in the Parish Hall.

Peer Minister Training! All confirmation youth and current Peer Ministers are invited and strongly encouraged to attend a one day workshop to learn the skills they need to be great leaders. Please join me at St. Mark's Parish from 9am until 4pm on April 30th. If you need a ride, meet up at the church at 8am and we will return around 5pm. There is no cost for this training day but it's worth a million! Lunch will be provided. Permission slips are available on the parish website.

Confirmation Rehearsal Dinner We will meet in the gym at 6:30pm on May 10th. Each boy candidate and his sponsor are to bring one dessert that will serve 12 people. Each girl candidate and her sponsor are to bring a side dish that will serve 12 people. The Youth Office will provide the meat and drinks for our dinner. Parents are asked to volunteer with receiving the food as it arrives while we begin the rehearsal. We will enjoy our pot luck dinner after rehearsal in the gym.

Confirmation Mass May 11th Bishop Johnston has asked that all candidates arrive in the gym no later than 5pm so he can meet with you. The Youth Office will provide snacks (leftovers from the rehearsal dinner). Mass will begin at 7pm. We will have a cake and punch reception immediately after Mass in the gym.

Child Safety

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

*Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738(if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and

*Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and

*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 http://www.diocese-kcsj.org/content/protecting_children/

Children's Liturgy Sunday

Children from our parish are invited to be Lectors, Ushers, Greeters and Gift Bearers at a Mass each month. Our next Mass date is May 8th at the 10:30am Mass. Please contact Kirstie Roberts if your child would like to sign up for this ministry.

Donut Sunday!

Please join us for doughnuts and orange juice on May 1st after the Masses which will be hosted by the 6th grade class!

Teacher's Brunch!

Our PSR teachers are the heart and soul of our school and we want to thank you for all of the hard work you did this past year to enrich the faith lives of all the little ones. Please join together on April 24th at 8:15am for a brunch to celebrate YOU!

More children received their First Communion last weekend at the 10:30 and 12:30 Masses.

Stewardship

"'Then I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them as their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away.' The One who sat on the throne said, 'Behold, I make all things new.'"

Revelation 21: 1-5

If we strive to live out our lives as disciples of Christ, if we make a complete effort to be His disciples, we inherit this new heaven. In it, as also indicated in our Second Reading, God expresses His desire to be in close fellowship with us, and we in turn must desire to be His people. Being God's disciple should be the whole purpose of our lives. That is not easily achieved, nor is it without obstacles and hurdles for us, but it is what our purpose should be. — See more at www.catholicsteward.com/blog/

April 17 Contributions

Envelopes/Sobres:	$23,679.44
Plate/Canasta:	$ 1,510.22
Maintenance-Upkeep:	$ 1,913.13

2016 Annual Catholic Appeal

Thanks to all who have contributed to the 2016 Annual Catholic Appeal. **As of April 11th, 106 families from St. Sabina have contributed a total of $15,683.00.** Please contribute generously to *"Blessed Are the Merciful",* the 2016 Annual Catholic Appeal *(in past years, the Bishop's Annual Appeal)* in support of parish and diocesan programs and ministries. Go on-line to www.kcsjgives.org for more information or use the form available in the Catholic Key. To make a gift of appreciated stock, mutual fund shares or gifts of grain, call Greg Vranicar at 816.714.2363.

Pledge Sunday

A couple of weeks ago, you should have received a pledge and ministry card in the mail, to be filled out and returned on May 8. More are available in the gathering space if you did not receive yours or if you need another.

St. Sabina Helping Hands

We are currently looking for volunteers to help on Saturday, May 7th. Volunteers will help other parishioners with minor home repairs and yard maintenance such as: some painting, gutter work, minor plumbing, etc. Volunteer sign up sheets, and more information are available in the gathering space.

El Salvador Scholarship Student, Eliseo

Eliseo (pictured next to Fr. Jeff) lives in Cinquera and his home is the local bakery. He attends the University of Don Bosco in Soyapango, majoring in Aeronautics. Eliseo talked about the fear of the gang violence in El Salvador, and how many youths get involved with the gangs. He knows the gang problem in El Salvador is a very complicated problem and that many youths don't have the opportunity to attend university like he does, so they join the gangs. He thanks God that he has not been a victim of gang violence. There are 9 people living in Eliseo's house. His oldest brother is married and lives on his own. Eliseo is the 4th oldest and the only child to attend university. He and all of his siblings work in the bakery. Eliseo's mom, Natividad, is grateful for the help of the scholarship program because the bakery doesn't make enough money to be able to pay for university. Eliseo likes to play soccer when he isn't busy at the bakery. He said that his role model is Oscar Romero because he was brave and gave his life helping others. Please help Eliseo, and our other scholarship students in El Salvador, by making a donation to our El Salvador Scholarship Fund. You can make checks out to St. Sabina and drop them in the collection basket. For more information, please visit our website at: http://stsabinaparish.org/mission-outreach/

Liturgical Ministers Needed While we are thinking about offering our time and talent as we fill out our pledge cards, please take a moment to consider becoming active as a liturgical minister. Any role that is filled during public prayer (liturgy) is referred to as a liturgical ministry. These include Eucharistic ministers, lectors, ushers, sacristans, altar servers, and music ministers. We are in great need of all ministers, especially at the 4:00PM Saturday and 8:00AM Sunday Masses. There will be brochures at the liturgy table at the ministry fair describing of each of these ministries. Also, you can visit with some of our current ministers to ask about what they do and find out what they like about being involved. Please prayerfully consider assisting the parish by sharing your time during Mass to fill one of these roles. Plan to stop by the Liturgy, Music and Art & Environment tables to find out more, or contact Susan Ratigan in the parish office at 979-3158 or susan@stsabinaparish.org for more information.

Reflection on the Readings

As we approach Pentecost, our gospel readings reflect the reality that after Easter, Jesus is no longer present with us in the same way that he was before. Through the Easter/ Pentecost experience, Jesus is present through his message and mission, guided and empowered by the gift of his Spirit. The Spirit empowers us to be the living presence of and witness to Jesus in the world, and in all of creation.

The inclusive love of God for all creation is richly acclaimed in Responsorial Psalm 144, with the psalmist inviting each of us to sing enthusiastically the refrain "I will praise your name forever, my king and my God." The psalm acknowledges God's graciousness, mercy, goodness, compassion and deep covenant love. God's covenant love is with all creation, and God's reign is eternal and everlasting. We observe such love in all of God's works, which continually proclaims God's might, splendor and majesty. Consequently, such love, experienced through all of God's works, calls forth praise, awe and thanksgiving from all created reality.

Our first reading from Acts praises and thanks God for the great work that Paul and Barnabas have been able to accomplish in spreading the word to all who would hear. Despite the various sufferings and tribulations of the evangelization journey, they continue to praise the marvels of God in "opening the door of faith to the Gentiles." God's marvelous works and words are meant for all people, and all are called to proclaim that word in our daily encounters.

The second reading from the book of Revelation reveals that our God continues to make all things new by giving new life and meaning to all reality. Our God dwells with us, continually showering us with newness of life. While we already experience this reality in a limited way, a time will come when all creation will fully experience God's presence and bounty. In the meantime, through the Spirit's power, we have been called to live like Jesus. In so doing, we activate God's power, presence and love throughout all of creation. No one is excluded.

Today's gospel from John focuses the heart of Jesus' message and mission. Jesus gives a new commandment to love one another as he has loved us. The newness of this commandment is exemplified in the total gift of self that Jesus manifested through his life and death. Jesus continues his final address to his followers by giving them the same command that he had given after the washing of feet, namely, "as I have done for you, so should you do for one another." Jesus offers himself as the concrete and specific model of how to live and love. Both in word and action, we are to do for one another what Jesus has done for us.

Modeling ourselves on Jesus will not only activate a community of disciples, but will be the core means of attracting others. "This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." The best means of evangelizing others is to live Jesus' life of love among ourselves.

Being attentive to Jesus' "new" commandment is desperately needed today as we experience division and animosity among Christians as a whole and within each Christian denomination. This incongruity between our words and actions is something that all Christians need to address both personally and communally. Only in this manner will the reality of Jesus' command become the bond that keeps the community together and the means of evangelizing others. Reflect on how you can do better, both personally and communally, in carrying through with Jesus' new command to love one another as he has loved us.

Biagio Mazza,
Pastoral Associate

Readings

Sunday, April 24
1st Reading: Acts 14:21-27
Psalm: Psalm 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 (see 1)
2nd Reading: Revelation 21:1-5a
Gospel: John 13:31-33a, 34-35

Sunday, May 1
1st Reading: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29
Psalm: Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)
2nd Reading: Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23
Gospel: John 14:23-29

Bible Study

Catholics are mostly exposed to the Bible through the Sunday Lectionary Readings. In order to help us all enter into the Bible through the Sunday readings, we are offering study sessions that will provide an opportunity to read, to study background to the readings, and to reflect on how to apply the readings to our lives. **We will gather on April 24th at 10:30am**. All are welcome. Bring a Bible and a friend. To register for these sessions, please call Biagio at 816-979-3153.

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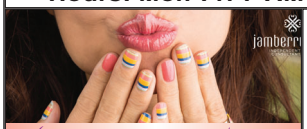

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Reflexión Sobre las Lecturas

Ya que nos acercamos a Pentecostés, las lecturas del Evangelio reflejan la realidad de que después de la Pascua, Jesús ya no está presente con nosotros de la misma manera en que estaba antes. Durante la experiencia de Pascua/ Pentecostés, Jesús está presente a través de su mensaje y misión, guiados y fortalecidos por el don de su Espíritu. El Espíritu nos da el poder para ser la presencia y viva y el testimonio de Jesús en el mundo, y en toda la creación.

El amor inclusivo de Dios para toda la creación es aclamado en abundancia en el Salmo responsorial 144, con el salmista invitándonos a cada uno de nosotros a cantar con entusiasmo el estribillo "Bendeciré tu nombre por siempre jamás, Dios mío, mi rey." El salmo reconoce la gracia , la misericordia , la bondad, la compasión y el amor profundo del pacto de Dios. El pacto de amor de Dios es con toda la creación, y el reino de Dios es infinito y eterno. Observamos tal amor en todas las obras de Dios, que proclama continuamente el poder, esplendor y majestad de Dios. En consecuencia, tal amor, experimentado a través de todas las obras de Dios, llama a la alabanza, admiración y agradecimiento de toda la realidad creada.

Nuestra primera lectura de los Hechos alaba y da gracias a Dios por el gran trabajo que Pablo y Bernabé han sido capaces de lograr en la difusión de la palabra a todos los que querían escuchar. A pesar de los diversos sufrimientos y tribulaciones del viaje de evangelización, continúan alabar las maravillas de Dios en "abrir a los pagano las puertas de la fe." Las obras y las palabras maravillosas de Dios son para todas las personas, y todos están llamados a proclamar la palabra en nuestros encuentros diarios.

La segunda lectura del libro de Apocalipsis revela que nuestro Dios continúa hacer nuevas todas las cosas, dando nueva vida y sentido a toda la realidad. Nuestro Dios habita con nosotros, continuamente colmándonos con la novedad de vida. A pesar de que ya experimentamos esta realidad de una manera limitada, vendrá un tiempo cuando toda la creación experimentará en su totalidad la presencia y la bondad de Dios. Mientras tanto, a través del poder del Espíritu, hemos sido llamados a vivir como Jesús. De este modo, activamos el poder, la presencia y el amor de Dios en toda la creación. Nadie está excluido.

El Evangelio de hoy según San Juan se enfoca el corazón del mensaje y de la misión de Jesús. Jesús da un nuevo mandamiento de amarnos unos a otros como Él nos ha amado. La novedad de este mandamiento se ejemplifica en el regalo total de sí mismo que Jesús manifiesta a través de su vida y muerte. Jesús continúa su último discurso a sus seguidores, dándoles la misma orden que había dado después del lavado de los pies, específicamente, "como yo he hecho por ustedes, hagan por los demás." Jesús se ofrece a sí mismo como el modelo específico y concreto de cómo vivir y amar. Tanto en la palabra y la acción, debemos hacer por los demás lo que Jesús ha hecho por nosotros.

Al modelarnos nosotros mismos en Jesús no sólo activará una comunidad de discípulos, sino será el medio principal de atraer a otros. “Y por este amor reconocerán todos que ustedes son mis discípulos.” La mejor manera de evangelizar a los demás es vivir la vida del amor de Jesús entre nosotros.

Estar atento al "nuevo" mandamiento de Jesús se necesita desesperadamente hoy como experimentamos división y animosidad entre los cristianos en su conjunto y dentro de cada denominación cristiana. Esta incongruencia entre nuestras palabras y acciones es algo que todos los cristianos tienen que abordar a nivel personal y comunitario. Sólo de esta manera la realidad del mandamiento de Jesús se hará el vínculo que mantiene unida a la comunidad y los medios de evangelizar a otros. Reflexione sobre cómo puede hacer mejor, tanto a nivel personal y comunitariamente, en la realización del nuevo mandamiento de Jesús de amarnos los unos a los otros como él nos ha amado.

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Lecturas

Lecturas del Domingo, 24 de Abril
Primera Lectura: Hechos 14:21-27
Salmo: Salmo 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab
Segunda Lectura: Apocalipsis 21:1-5
Evangelio: Juan 13:31-33, 34-35

Lecturas del Domingo, 1 de Mayo
Primera Lectura: Hechos 15:1-2, 22-29
Salmo: Salmo 67:2-3, 5, 6 y 8
Segunda Lectura: Apocalipsis 21:10-14, 22-23
Evangelio: Juan 14:23-29

Escuela de Religión/Ministerio Juvenil

Jóvenes de Junior High!

Nuestra próxima reunión será el 4 de Mayo de 7-8:30pm en el Salón Parroquial. Aquí les esperamos!

Jóvenes de High School y Confirmación

Su próxima reunión será el 1 de Mayo de 7-8:30pm en el Salón Parroquial.

Entrenamiento de Ministros Jóvenes!

Todos los jóvenes de confirmación y de Ministros jóvenes actuales son invitados y fuertemente animados a asistir a un taller de un día para aprender las habilidades que necesitan para ser grandes líderes. Por favor, vengan a la Parroquia de San Marcos de 9am hasta las 4pm el 30 de Abril. Si necesita transporte, reuniremos en Sta. Sabina a las 8am y volveremos a las 5pm. No hay ningún costo para este día de entrenamiento pero vale la pena! Se proporcionará el almuerzo. Las hojas de permiso están disponibles en la página web de la parroquia.

Cena del Ensayo para la Confirmación

Nos reuniremos en el gimnasio a las 6:30pm el 10 de Mayo. Cada candidato varón y su padrino debería traer un postre que servirá a 12 personas. Cada candidata mujer y su padrino debería traer un plato de acompañamiento que servirá a 12 personas. La Oficina de la Juventud proporcionará la carne y bebidas para la cena. Se les pide a los padres como voluntarios para la recepción de la comida, mientras comenzamos el ensayo. Cenaremos después del ensayo en el gimnasio.

Misa de Confirmación—11 de Mayo

El Obispo Johnson ha pedido que todos los candidatos lleguen al gimnasio antes de las 5pm para que pueda reunirse con ustedes. La Oficina de la Juventud proporcionará snacks (recalentado de la cena del ensayo). La Misa comenzará a las 7pm. Vamos a tener una recepción de pastel y ponche inmediatamente después de la Misa en el gimnasio.

Todas las personas que son voluntarios con los jóvenes o 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 http://virtus.org

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, o 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.

Desayuno para Maestros!

Nuestros maestros de la escuela de religión son el corazón y el alma de nuestra escuela, y queremos darles las gracias por todo el esfuerzo que hicieron el año pasado para enriquecer la vida de fe de todos los pequeños. Por favor, maestros, únanse el 24 de Abril a las 8:15am para esta celebración en honor a USTEDES!

Mas niños recibieron su Primera Comunión el pasado fin de semana en las Misas de las 10:30 y 12:30.

Información/Corresponsabilidad

Manos para Ayudar

Actualmente estamos buscando voluntarios para ayudar el Sábado 7 de Mayo. Los voluntarios ayudarán a otros feligreses con reparaciones menores y mantenimiento del jardín, tales como: pintar áreas pequeñas, el trabajo de canaletas, plomería sencilla, etc. Hojas para inscribirse como voluntario y más información están disponibles en el espacio de reunión.

Becado de El Salvador—Eliseo

Eliseo vive en Cinquera y su casa es la panadería local. Asiste a la Universidad de Don Bosco de Soyapango, con especialización en la aeronáutica. Eliseo habla sobre el miedo a la violencia de las pandillas en El Salvador, y el número de jóvenes que se involucran con las bandas. Sabe que el problema de las pandillas en El Salvador es un problema muy complicado y que muchos jóvenes no tienen la oportunidad de asistir a la universidad como él, por lo que se unen a las bandas. Da gracias a Dios que no ha sido una víctima de la violencia de las bandas. Hay 9 personas que viven en la casa de Eliseo. Su hermano mayor está casado y vive separado. Eliseo es el cuarto hijo y el único que asiste a la universidad. Él y todos sus hermanos trabajan en la panadería. La madre de Eliseo, Natividad, agradece la ayuda del programa de becas porque la panadería no tiene suficiente dinero para poder pagarse la universidad. A Eliseo le gusta jugar fútbol cuando no está ocupado en la panadería. Dijo que su modelo a seguir es Oscar Romero porque era valiente y dio su vida ayudando a los demás. Por favor, ayude a Eliseo, y los otros becados en El Salvador, haciendo una donación a nuestro fondo de Becas para El Salvador. Se puede escribir cheques a St. Sabina y colocarlos en la canasta de la colecta. Para obtener más información, visite nuestra página web en http://stsabinaparish.org/mission-outreach/.

Necesita Ayuda con su Casa?

Estamos preparándonos para nuestro segundo día de trabajo del programa “Manos para Ayudar.” Actualmente estamos aceptando solicitudes para los que necesitan reparaciones menores y mantenimiento del jardín, tales como: pintar (espacios pequeños), el trabajo del canal, plomería menor, etc. Las solicitudes y más información disponibles en el espacio de reunión. Si necesita ayuda con su hogar, por favor lea la información en el espacio de reunión.

Clases de Ingles Como Segundo Idioma

Las clases de Inglés se ofrecerán cada Martes a las 7pm en el salón Juan Diego de la ala de educación.

Actualizar su Información de Membresía

¿Tiene nuestro banco de datos de la parroquia su registro familiar correcto?

Esta es su oportunidad para actualizar su registro para nuestra Guía y Directorio anual (si no lo ha hecho ya).

Es hora de actualizar nuestro banco de datos con todas las modificaciones, adiciones o supresiones que pueden haber ocurrido en su familia durante el año pasado.

¿Ha cambiado su número de teléfono? ¿Se ha mudado? Se está preparando para mudarse pronto? ¿Todos sus hijos siguen viviendo en casa y están todos ellos incluidos en su registro de membresía? ¿Desea que su registro sea publicado?

Si aún no nos ha informado en la Oficina Parroquial sobre los cambios en su registro, por favor háganos saber para que la información contenida en la Guía y Directorio sea correcta. El número de la Oficina Parroquial es 816-331-4713.

Platicas Pre-Bautismales—14 de Mayo

Normalmente cada Segundo Sábado del mes de las 10 am a 1 pm (Sólo para Niños de 0-6 años) en el salón 3 de la ala de educación. Para niños mayores de 7 años se requerirá una formación especial.

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

Es mas seguro que haya notado esta nueva mesa en el espacio de reunión la semana pasada. Gracias al donante anónimo que la regaló a nuestra parroquia. También nos gustaría dar las gracias a Delfina Chavez, madre de la feligresa Zenaida Cortes, quien bordó este vibrante mantel para el altar.

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Presentación Sobre el Año de Misericordia

La noche del 28 de Abril a las 7pm en el Salón Parroquial, Padre Chuck Tobin nos dará una presentación sobre el Año de Misericordia. El Padre Chuck fue a Roma y estaba comisionado como un Misionero de la Misericordia de nuestra diócesis por el Papa Francisco. Todos están invitados a esta presentación para aprender mas sobre lo que el Papa Francisco nos esta diciendo sobre el Año de Misericordia. Esta presentación será en Español.

Horarios de Misa

Sábado: 4:00pm en Ingles

Domingo: 8:00am y 10:30am en Ingles, 12:30pm en Español

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Feria de Ministerios

Por favor planee asistir a la feria de ministerios el próximo fin de semana justo después de la Misa y así aprender acerca de las muchas oportunidades que ofrece nuestra parroquia para vivir un estilo de vida de Corresponsabilidad y disfrutar de la comida, el compañerismo con otros miembros de nuestra familia parroquial y premios.