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



Pictured above are Barb Rewald and Jaiden after Mass on Sunday, June 17.

Lost and Found:

Have you lost something at church in the last few months? Lost and found items are displayed on the table in the gathering space again this weekend. Please stop by to claim lost items. Items not claimed this weekend will be donated. Thank you

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.**

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Intentions for June 25-29, 2018

Mon.	8am	Communion Service
Tues.	6pm	†Greta Sellmeyer
Wed.	11am	†Helen Rush (Carnegie Village)
Thurs.	8am	†Felix Suwito
Fri.	8am	†Theo Suwito
		Intentions of Anna Hennes

Saturday, June 30, 2018

4:00pm Intentions of Leanne Townsend Cerame

Sunday, July 1, 2018

8:00am	†Jackie Parker
10:30am	Intentions of our Parish Family
12:30pm Spanish	†Joel Perez Lopez
	†Jacinto Garcia

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

†Charles “Chuck” Mackey, father of John Mackey

†Bob Heffernan, husband of Pat Heffernan

†Sara Cortinas, sobrina de Guadalupe Cortinas y Juan Lopez



Calendar/Parish Happenings

Sunday, June 24 - Domingo, 24 de Junio

- 7:00am Retiro de Pequeñas Comunidades Cristianas
- 9:00am Children's Book Club
- 9:15am Summer Choir Practice
- 10:30am Bible Study
- 11:00am Ensayo del Coro Hispano

Monday, June 25 - Lunes, 25 de Junio

- 7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, June 26 - Martes, 26 de Junio

No Scheduled Events

Wednesday, June 27 - Miércoles, 27 de Junio

- 9:00am Legion of Mary
- 11:00am Mass at Carnegie Village
- 7:00pm Eucharistic Minister and Lector Workshop

Thursday, June 28 - Jueves, 28 de Junio

- 9:30am Quilters

Friday, June 29 - Viernes, 29 de Junio

- 5:00pm Ensayo de Boda: Oliveros/Villegas

Saturday, June 30 - Sábado, 30 de Junio

- 8:00am Knights Highway Cleanup
- 1:00pm Boda: Oliveros/Villegas
- 3:00pm Confessions

Sunday, July 1 - Domingo, 1 de Julio

- 9:00am Children's Book Club
- 9:15am Summer Choir Practice
- 11:00am Ensayo del Coro Hispano

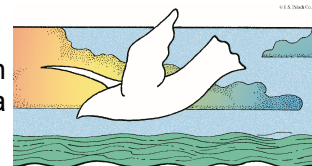
A Vision for our Future

In the coming weeks and months, Bishop Johnston will be leading us in a process of crafting a vision for our future as a diocese. Our goal will be to discern what God wants us to do, right here, right now, and then act together.

This process will unfold over the next six months or so. To begin, the bishop will be attending ten listening sessions throughout the diocese. These sessions are meant for Bishop Johnston to hear our hopes and dreams for the Church and will occur in the latter half of July. All are welcome and encouraged to attend these sessions. **We will have a listening session at our parish in English and Spanish on Wednesday, July 25, 7-8:30pm.**

Baptism Congratulations

Cooper Lee Duncan, the son of Jerod Duncan and Cara LeAnne Bradley



Green Team Tip of the Week

Attend a public fireworks display and other tips for a greener Independence Day <http://greenabilitymagazine.com/blog/2017/06/celebrate-greener-4th-july-holiday/>

This Week's Do You Know Video:

Protestants and Catholics both



share the same Bible, with the exception of seven books in the Hebrew Scriptures. But a number of Protestants are exposed to scripture in a different manner than Catholics are. Those differences have both their plusses as well as their minuses. This week's DYK video contrasts the way that numerous Protestants are exposed to Scripture in their Sunday gatherings with the way Catholics are exposed to Scripture at their Sunday gatherings. One very notable difference is that numerous Protestants go to Sunday services with a Bible in their hands while no Catholic comes to Sunday services with a Bible in their hands. Why is this the case? These differences are explained and detailed in this week's DYK video. To find out more, make time to check out this week's video at www.stsabinaparish.org and click on the Do You Know Series link.



Parish Happenings/Information



Tracy, Berenice, Biagio, Susan and Jeff at the Staff Retreat on June 14.



Pictured above left: Fr. Jeff, Jim Agnew, Peg Agnew, John Walters, and Quin Henry with Kris Larkey. They were the auction winners of the Wine Tasting with Father at the Larkey Home on June 15. Above right: Fr. Jeff enjoys some cake at the wine tasting!

Information

Pitching for Priests—July 6

Please join us for the 5th Annual Pitching for Priests Softball game! Friday, July 6th at 7pm - Community America Ballpark - Tbones Stadium!

We will have baseball cards of each player this year!

Last year we had 2,200 people attend the game! Help support our priests this year. We have a goal of 4,500 attendees! Purchase your tickets at:

<https://catholicradionetwork.ticketspice.com/pitching-for-priests-2018>

JP2 Commons—New Student Residences



Dear Fathers, Students, Parents and High School Principals,

I write to inform you about some great news for students attending college in Kansas City. This fall (2018) **Saint John Paul II Commons** will open at 5220

Troost Avenue. Situated adjacent to the UMKC campus, "JP2 Commons" will provide brand new facilities to serve students in a variety of ways.

First, JP2 Commons will be the site for a long-needed **Catholic Newman Center for UMKC** students. A full time Newman Center Director will have an office there, along with space for a Priest Chaplain. Additionally, the space will house a student chapel, gym, theater, and other space for meetings, study and fellowship. The Newman Center will provide a place for students to meet, pray, study, and develop friendships.

Second, JP2 Commons will provide faith-based housing in the form of **110 student residences**. The residences offer each student a private bedroom in a variety of options, including 2, 3, 4, and 5-person suites with a mini-kitchen, bath and common area. There are also single room options. Along with the student suites, the Commons will provide larger kitchen facilities and unique indoor and outdoor spaces for the enjoyment of the student residents. All of this is conveniently located so that students can walk to classes and events at the University, as well as the other cultural and social venues in the Plaza district.

For more information about the social, faith and community opportunities being offered at JP2 Commons visit JP2Commons.org. To learn more about the student residences at JP2Commons or to make an application for residency visit jp2.rentourspace.com or call 816- 307-1428 or 816-500-0081.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend James V. Johnston, Jr.
Bishop of Kansas City-St. Joseph

happy birthday

Bessie Alonzo	Angelie Gutierrez	Emily Perez
Mark Arnold	Nickolas Heinerikson	Deon Persaud
Marisa Arnold	Diego Hernandez	Glen Peterman
Jennifer Arreola	Carmen Hinojos	Alex Portillo
Samantha Barker	Melchor Hinojos	Zoey Priewe
Sylvia Barrera	Sharon Hoey	Jonathan Quintana
George Barrios	Kimberly Hogard-Robbins	Juan Ramos
Blaine Buice	Landon Holloway	Selena Ramos
Joyce Callahan	Jeffrey Hoy	Beverly Rehm-Coomer
Pablo Calles	Diane Jimenez	Karen Rhodes
Osvaldo Castillo	Chris Kallas	Lori Richardson
Pablo Cedillo	Patricia Kallas	Grecia Rodelo
Mary Cikan	Bertha Keesoon	Montserrat Rodriguez
Lana Clary	Paula Leynez	Joseph Rustemeyer
Jason Cooper	Alba Lopez	Anna Ryan
Darwin Curls	William Lopez	Neria Sanchez
Josephine Davis	Martha López	Guadalupe Santillanes
Melissa De La Torre - Ramos	Trinity Loveless	Janet Schneider
Julio Diaz	Ignacio Martinez	Isabel Schockey
David Diaz	Terry McDaniel	Austin Speer
Joshua Figge	Leslie McDowell	Mark Stegner
Randy Frey	Michael Menjivar	Lawrence Strickler
Luis Fuentes	James Miederhoff	Jacob Thompson
Diana Galant	Leslie Moss	Luis Torres
Manuel Garcia	Greg Mull	Solomon Vazquez
Brandon Garcia	Joan Murphy	Abel Velasco
Emily Garrido	Erika Noriega-Guerrero	Nancy Vences
Kimberly Grantham	Aaron Norris	Elijah Whiteley
Kristen Grantham	Janet Olivas	Terry Whitsell
Raymond Graves	Luis Oquendo	Brandi Winfrey
Julian Guillermo	Jesus Palomares	Gabriel Zavala

Happy Anniversary

Kenneth and Nancy Daire	51 Years!	7/1/1967
Andrzej and Bogumila Oczko	47 Years!	6/26/1971
Richard and Maureen Vanzandt	44 Years!	6/28/1974
Chuck and Mary Sellmeyer	36 Years!	6/26/1982
John and Deborah Ranes	32 Years!	6/28/1986
Abraham and Damiana Ramirez	31 Years!	6/27/1987
Jose and Maria Reyes	24 Years!	6/25/1994
Leslie and Lori Moss	21 Years!	6/28/1997
Ruben and Herminia Ortiz	18 Years!	7/1/2000
Brent and Rose Mettlen	17 Years!	6/30/2001
Octavio and Maricela Enriquez	15 Years!	6/25/2003
Stephen and Angela Gaither	15 Years!	6/28/2003
Aaron and Theresa Howard	12 Years!	6/30/2006
Eric and Megan Bautista	6 Years!	6/25/2012
Sergio and Barbara Benavides	5 Years!	6/26/2013



Pastoral Care/Parish Happenings

Nursing Home Mass Schedule

June 27	11:00am	Carnegie Village
July 4	No Mass or Communion Service	
July 11	10:00am	Redwood of Raymore

Help For the Heartache of Abortion

Rachel's Vineyard Upcoming Retreats

Are you or someone you know suffering in silence from a past abortion? Help is available and complete confidentiality is assured. The Rachel's Vineyard, Kansas City Retreat Weekends are: 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.

Bulletin Prayer Request List

Parishioners who are ill, or who have a loved one who is ill, may request to have the person remembered on the Prayer Request list published in our bulletin. Names will remain on the list for two months but may be resubmitted upon request. Please remember permission must be given by the individual before the name can be published. To add or remove a name from the list contact Marta Roper in the parish office 816-979-3154 or marta@stsabinaparis.org.

Prayer Requests/Peticiones de Oración

Jim Agnew	Al Gebauer	Earl Puls
Dick Armstrong	Karen Grantham	Dee Raya
Steven Armstrong	Ginny Hainey	Jean Rehm-Coomer
Marilyn Avalos	Laverne Harlow	Patricia Rellihan
Teresa Baldwin	Cherie Hatfield	Larry Rhodes
Barry Ballenger	Beth Heide	Anna Ryan
Pauline Bellm	Baby Hendrix	Roger Schmidt
Beverly Bell	Chelsea Hendrix	Barbara Setter
John Bidondo	Bart Henke	Laurie Sigman
Betty Bremenkamp	Rhonda Henke	Emily Sigman
Maxine Bremer	John Hirt	Lois Simpson
Ramon Caratachea	John Holden	Jerry Stella
Alfredo Carrasco	Terri Jackson	Charles Stinger II
Anna Clark	Kathy Jongenelen	Marie Stinger
Debra Lynn Cline	Beverly Little	Angel Thomas
Joseph Coots	Apolinar Luna	Bruce Thompson
Paul DeMar	Leonard Meiron	Donna West
Nolan Dickerson	Lynn Morgan	Mary Westfall
Paula Dull	Janet Moorman	Marie Wilburn
Terry Eppert	Bella Nouryeh	Emy Yeater
Joan Feedback	Jane Nouryeh	Carmitia Yust
Dick Garnier	Thelma Palmer	Pablo Zayas
	George Panebianco	
	Rita Pruitt	

Wellness Center

Did you know that there is a first aid training for mental health? Mental Health First Aid is a training program that teaches members of the public how to help a person developing a mental health problem, experiencing a worsening of an existing mental health problem or a person in a mental health crisis. Like traditional first aid, Mental Health First Aid does not teach people to treat or diagnose mental health or substance use conditions. Instead, the training teaches people how to offer initial support until appropriate professional help is received or until the crisis resolves. While first aid for physical health crises is a familiar notion in developed countries, conventional first aid training has not generally incorporated mental health problems.

Please join us Thursday June 28th, 9:00am-5:00pm for the free course. On completion of the course, you will receive a certification. For more information call the Wellness Center 816 979-3090. RSVP by June 25th.

Mental Health First Aid teaches about recovery and resiliency – the belief that individuals experiencing these challenges can and do get better, and use their strengths to stay well.

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



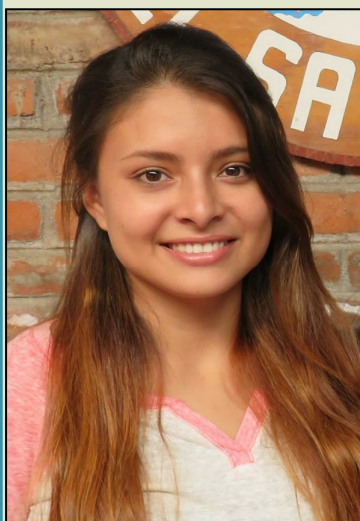
Stewardship

"So they made signs, asking his father what he wished him to be called. He asked for a tablet and wrote, "John is his name," and all were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened, his tongue freed, and he spoke blessing God."

Luke 1: 62-64

Zechariah was a Jewish priest, but when the Archangel Gabriel revealed to him that he would father a child, Zechariah refused to believe it. As a result he was rendered speechless until John was born. Zechariah had total trust in the Lord, however. Although it was traditional at that time to name the first son after the father, he and Elizabeth had been told that they were to name him John. As reported in the Gospel, Elizabeth said, "He will be called John." The family protested at which time Zechariah wrote, "His name is John." When he did that, Zechariah could speak once more. He did not say "should be"; he said "is." The trust shown by Zechariah is an example to us that we must trust in God, not just when it is convenient, but all the time. — See more at www.catholicsteward.com/blog/

Chiefs Raffle Fundraiser



Do you remember Heydi? She is one of the college students from El Salvador that we sponsor through a program that helps young adults pay for college, while encouraging them to give back to their community. She visited our parish about a year and a half ago. Heydi's school expenses, including tuition, supplies, transportation, and lunch, add up to about \$165 a month. Our El Salvador Scholarship Fund

sponsors Heydi and 10 other students. Support our scholarship fund today by purchasing your raffle tickets for the Thursday, August 9 game against the Texans and the Thursday, August 30 game against the Packers. Raffle tickets are \$10 each. See the display in the gathering space to learn more about Heydi and the other students we sponsor through this fund

Contributions for June 17

Envelopes/Sobres: \$11,162.00
Plate/Canasta: \$ 876.36
Maintenance-Upkeep: \$ 394.37
Catholic Communications: \$ 1,645.80

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.stsabinaaparish.org, click the "Online Giving" button in the top right section and fill out the online contribution form.

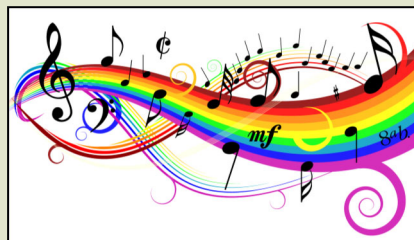
Helping Hands Thank You

Thank you goes to St. Sabina Helping Hands Helpers for a job well done for doing minor projects on some of our parishioners' homes on Saturday, June 9. A special thanks goes to Glen and Mary Schmidt, Dennis and Celia Squires, Joshua and Carolyn Durham, Amanda Squires, Carole Squires, Jim Squires, Elaine Christopher, Tom Iseman, Sharon Schmidt, Chuck Stinger, Terri and Stella Lilek, Deb (Schmidt) Murry, and Cooper Tracy for a job well done.



8:00 Summer Choir

Sharing your talent is a part of who we are! Now is a great time to check out the 8 O'Clock Music, for the summer!!! No practice needed--children are welcomed and we even have instruments that they can play! All you need to do is come and sit with the 8 O'Clock group and together we will make "A Joyful Shout Unto the Lord!"



Thank you and congratulations to Fr. Lloyd Opoka who celebrated Mass with us last weekend and recently celebrated 50 years as a priest!



School of Religion/Youth Ministry

PSR News

Vacation Bible School is coming in July!

Volunteer and children's registrations are available in the gathering space and on the parish website. Our theme this year is Shipwrecked! Rescued by Jesus! All creative people who want to help create a desert island in the Parish Hall should contact Kirstie Roberts in the Youth Office. This week of fun and discovery will be July 15th through the 19th from 5:30pm to 8:30pm.



Youth News

High School Summer Softball!

We will be joining a few other Catholic churches from our area for some fun in the dirt! This is for FUN! Sometimes the bases are car floor mats. All high school youth (including all those new Freshmen!) are welcome to play ball! I'm expecting a schedule any day and will post it to the website as soon as it's available. Call, email or text Kirstie in the Youth office to join the team, be a water boy/girl or take stats.

Collegiate Challenge Mission Trip!

Who's ready to hit the road and help the community of Taos, New Mexico? 90% of the residents cannot afford housing in the tourist dependent town. Habitat for Humanity is creating possibilities for many to begin the journey to home ownership and we will help to build those homes. The week we are signed up for is July 29th through August 4th. This trip is for young adults (must be at least 18 years old by July 29, 2018). If you would like more information or are interested in joining the challenge, call or email Kirstie Roberts.



Thank you to Ray Quiñones and Eliezer, for their many years of service as altar servers. Ray and Eliezer graduated high school this year. We thank them for their service with a scholarship,

presented to them at Mass earlier this month.

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

June 4 - July 19
Monday - Thursday
Closed July 2 - 5

***Grace 5/24 - 7/19 (M-F, closed 7/4-6)**
***Hillcrest: 5/25 - 6/22 only (M-F)**
***Yeokum 6/4 - 6/28 only (M-Th)**

The Belton School District is once again participating in the USDA's Free Summer Meal Service for all youths under the age of 19.

KIDS: BREAKFAST & LUNCH ARE ON US -- ALL SUMMER!

BREAKFAST: YEOKUM 7:30 - 8 AM BMS 7:35 - 8:05 AM BOSCO 7:50 AM - 8:20 AM GRACE 7:30 - 8 AM KENTUCKY TRAIL & CAMBRIDGE 7:45 - 8:15 AM MILL CREEK 7:55 - 8:25 AM *HILLCREST 8:50 - 9:10 AM	LUNCH: YEOKUM 11 AM - 12 PM BMS 10:50 - 11:45 AM BOSCO 11 AM - 12 PM GRACE 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM KENTUCKY TRAIL & CAMBRIDGE 11 AM - 1 PM MILL CREEK 11 AM - 1 PM *HILLCREST 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM
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Reflection on the Readings

This Sunday falls on June 24th, the traditional day for celebrating the birth of John the Baptist. How was this day selected to be the birthday of John?

December 25 was selected sometime in the early fourth century as the symbolic date for the birth of Jesus. A key reason was the alignment of Jesus' birth with the winter solstice, the time of year when the days start to get longer, with light and brightness becoming more evident. **Once December 25 had been selected for Jesus' birth, biblical dating evidence allowed other dates to be set.**

Luke writes that when the angel appeared to Mary and she conceived, Mary's cousin, Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist, was in her sixth month. **If Jesus was born on December 25, then he had to be conceived nine months before, on March 25, the current feast of the Annunciation. If Elizabeth on March 25 was in her sixth month, then John the Baptist was due to be born three months later on June 25.**

Then why June 24? A rather convincing reason stems from John's witness to Jesus in John's gospel. John, referred to as the precursor to Jesus, is missioned with the task of pointing to Jesus and not himself as the chosen one of God. John is quoted as saying that he (Jesus) must increase while he (John) must decrease (John 3:30). **In making John's birth be a day less than Jesus's full nine months, the Christian community communicated this gospel reality effectively in its liturgical calendar.** This also located John's birth at the summer solstice, the time of year when days started to get shorter. **John's role is concretized and exemplified in both its liturgical dating as well as in its seasonal context.**

The readings all point to the significance of this particular birth. The psalm refrain captures it well when we pray "I praise you for I am wonderfully made." The psalm celebrates the reality that God knows us even more intimately than we know ourselves, simply because God is the one who formed us and knitted us together in our mother's wombs. **Each of us is God's special creation, made for a purpose and always known intimately by God.**

The first reading from Isaiah speaks of God's servant, called from the womb, and set aside to do the Lord's work. That work is to gather the scattered people from exile and to restore them to the land and to their former stature. **But God's saving work is for all people and is not restricted to Israel. To accomplish God's saving work, God chooses special people, servants obedient to doing God's will.** David, Isaiah, the prophets, as well as John were all called by God to carry out God's saving work. **In the process, they were to point to God's glory and majesty, and not to themselves. That is the heart of John's ministry and role as precursor to Jesus, the Messiah.**

The gospel from Luke focuses on the naming of John. Someone's name indicated their identity as well as their mission from the Lord. The name means "Yahweh has shown favor" or "the Lord is gracious." John's name can be understood on various levels. First there is the graciousness of God to his parents for enabling them to give birth beyond their years. Second, there is the graciousness of God to John himself who will be the precursor to the Messiah, announcing that good news to all. Third, there is the graciousness of God to us in sending John, the preeminent witness of the coming presence of Jesus.

Ultimately, John's special mission in life is no different from the one we have as followers of the risen Lord. Our life, like that of John, is to witness to the presence of Jesus and to proclaim that presence to others as we get out of the way and allow the Lord to do the work. On this feast of the birth of John the Baptist, reflect how you can be a more effective witness to the presence of Jesus in your life and in the world.

Biagio Mazza, Pastoral Associate

Readings

Sunday, June 24

1st Reading: Isaiah 49:1-6

Psalm: Psalm 139:1-3, 13-14, 14-15 (14a)

2nd Reading: Acts 13:22-26

Gospel: Luke 1:57-66, 80

Sunday, July 1

1st Reading: Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24

Psalm: Psalm 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13 (2a)

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15

Gospel: Mark 5:21-43



Bible Study

Catholics are mostly exposed to the Bible through the Sunday Lectionary Readings. In order to help us all enter into the Bible through the Sunday readings, we offer study sessions that provide an opportunity to read, to study background to the readings, and to reflect on how to apply the readings to our lives. **Our next Bible Study dates are June 24 and July 22 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 cae el 24 de junio, el día tradicional para celebrar el nacimiento de Juan el Bautista. ¿Cómo fue seleccionado este día para ser el cumpleaños de Juan?

El 25 de diciembre fue seleccionado en algún momento a principios del cuarto siglo como la fecha simbólica para el nacimiento de Jesús. Una razón clave fue la alineación del nacimiento de Jesús con el solsticio de invierno, la época del año cuando los días comienzan a ser más largos de nuevo, con la luz y el brillo cada vez más evidente. **Una vez que el 25 de diciembre había sido seleccionado para el nacimiento de Jesús, la evidencia de citas bíblicas permitía establecer otras fechas.**

Lucas escribe que cuando el ángel se le apareció a María y ella concibió, la prima de María, Isabel, la madre de Juan el Bautista, estaba en su sexto mes. **Si Jesús nació el 25 de diciembre, tuvo que ser concebido nueve meses antes, el 25 de marzo, la fiesta actual de la Anunciación. Si Isabel estaba en su sexto mes en el 25 de marzo, entonces Juan el Bautista nacería tres meses después, el 25 de junio.**

Entonces, ¿por qué el 24 de junio? Una razón bastante convincente proviene del testimonio de Juan a Jesús en el evangelio de Juan. Juan, conocido como el precursor de Jesús, tiene la misión de señalar a Jesús y no a sí mismo como el elegido de Dios. Se cita a Juan diciendo que él (Jesús) se debe crecer mientras que él (Juan) se debe disminuir (Juan 3:30). **Al hacer que el nacimiento de Juan sea un día menos que los nueve meses completos de Jesús, la comunidad cristiana comunicó esta realidad evangélica con eficacia en su calendario litúrgico.** Esto también ubicó el nacimiento de Juan en el solsticio de verano, la época del año en que los días empezaban a acortarse. **El papel de Juan se concreta y se ejemplifica tanto en su datación litúrgica como en su contexto estacional.**

Todas las lecturas apuntan a la importancia de este nacimiento en particular. El estribillo del salmo lo capta bien cuando rezamos "Te doy gracias, Señor, porque me has formado maravillosamente". El salmo celebra la realidad de que Dios nos conoce aún más íntimamente de lo que nos conocemos a nosotros mismos, simplemente porque Dios es quien nos formó y nos juntó en los vientres de nuestras madres. **Cada uno de nosotros es la creación especial de Dios, hecha para un propósito y siempre conocida íntimamente por Dios.**

La primera lectura de Isaías habla del siervo de Dios, llamado desde el vientre y apartado para hacer la obra

del Señor. Es obra es reunir a las personas dispersas del exilio y restaurarlas a la tierra y a su estatura anterior. **Pero la obra de salvación de Dios es para todas las personas y no está restringido a Israel. Para llevar a cabo el trabajo de salvación de Dios, Dios elige personas especiales, siervos obedientes para hacer la voluntad de Dios.** David, Isaías, los profetas, así como Juan, fueron llamados por Dios para llevar a cabo la obra salvadora de Dios. **En el proceso, debían señalar a la gloria y majestad de Dios, y no a ellos mismos. Ese es el corazón del ministerio de Juan y su papel como precursor de Jesús, el Mesías.**

El evangelio de Lucas se enfoca en el nombrar a Juan. El nombre de alguien indica su identidad así como su misión del Señor. El nombre significa "Yahweh ha mostrado favor" o "el Señor es misericordioso". El nombre de Juan se puede entender en varios niveles. Primero está la gracia de Dios con sus padres por permitirles tener un hijo ya de una edad mas grande. En segundo lugar, está la misericordia de Dios con el mismo Juan, quien será el precursor del Mesías, anunciando las buenas nuevas para todos. Tercero, tenemos la misericordia de Dios al enviar a Juan, el principal testigo de la presencia venidera de Jesús.

Finalmente, la misión especial de Juan en la vida no es diferente de la que tenemos como seguidores del Señor resucitado. Nuestra vida, como la de Juan, es dar testimonio de la presencia de Jesús y proclamar esa presencia a los demás a medida que nos quitamos del camino y permitimos que el Señor haga el trabajo. En esta fiesta del nacimiento de Juan el Bautista, refleje sobre cómo puede ser un testigo más efectivo de la presencia de Jesús en su vida y en el mundo.

Biagio Mazza, Asociado Pastoral

Lecturas



Lecturas del Domingo, 24 de Junio

Primera Lectura: Isaías 49:1-6

Salmo: Salmo 139 (138):1-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15

Segunda Lectura: Hechos 13:22-26

Evangelio: Lucas 1:57-66, 80

Lecturas del Domingo, 1 de Julio

Primera Lectura: Sabiduría 1:13-15; 2:23-24

Salmo: Salmo 29:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12a, 13b

Segunda Lectura: 2 Corintios 8:7, 9, 13-15

Evangelio: Marcos 5:21-43

Ministerio Juvenil/Información

Noticias de la Escuela de Religión!

¡La Escuela Bíblica de Vacaciones Viene en Julio!

Registros para voluntarios y niños estarán disponibles en el espacio de reunión y en el sitio web de la parroquia. ¡Nuestro tema este año es Shipwrecked: ¡Rescatado por Jesús! Todas las personas creativas que quieran ayudar a crear una isla desierta en el Salón Parroquial deben comunicarse con Kirstie Roberts en la Oficina de la Juventud. Esta semana de diversión y descubrimiento será del 15 al 19 de julio de 5:30 p.m. a 8:30 p.m.



Noticias Juveniles

¡Viaje Misionero de Collegiate Challenge! ¿Quién está listo para salir a la carretera y ayudar a la comunidad de Taos, Nuevo México? El 90% de los residentes no pueden pagar una vivienda en la ciudad dependiente del turismo. Hábitat para la Humanidad está creando posibilidades para que muchos comiencen el viaje de ser dueño de una vivienda y ayudaremos a construir esas viviendas. La semana en que nos registramos es del 29 de julio al 4 de agosto. Este viaje es para adultos jóvenes (debe tener al menos 18 años antes del 29 de julio de 2018). Si desea obtener más información o está interesado a aceptar el desafío, habrá reuniones de información el 3 de junio a las 9:15 a.m. y a las 11:45 a.m. en la Oficina de la Juventud. También puede llamar o enviar un correo electrónico a Kirstie Roberts.

¡Softball de verano de la High School! ¡Nos uniremos a otras iglesias católicas de nuestra área para divertirnos en el lodo! ¡Esto es por diversión! Algunas veces las bases son tapetes para el piso del auto. Todos los jóvenes de la high school (¡incluidos todos los nuevos estudiantes de primer año!) son bienvenidos a jugar. Estoy esperando un horario cualquier día y lo publicaré en el sitio web tan pronto como esté disponible. Llame, envíe un correo electrónico o envíe un mensaje de texto a Kirstie en la oficina de la Juventud para unirse al equipo, ser un ayudante del equipo o tomar estadísticas.

Pláticas Pre-Bautismales - 14 de Julio

Normalmente cada segundo Sábado del mes de las 10am 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 pláticas con anterioridad. **No se ofrece cuidado de niños.**

Seguridad Infantil

La Diócesis de Kansas City-St. Joseph esta comprometida a luchar contra el abuso sexual en la Iglesia. Si usted es victima de abuso sexual, ó si usted observa o sospecha de abuso sexual, por favor:

- 1) Llame a línea directa de Abuso Infantil en Missouri al 1.800.392.3738 (si la victima tiene menos de 18 años de edad).
- 2) Póngase en contacto con su departamento de policía local o llame al 911.
- 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 Victimias, 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/>

Para Niños: Desayunos y Almuerzos Gratis— ¡Todo el Verano!

El distrito escolar de Belton está participando de nuevo en el programa del USDA de comidas gratis para jóvenes menos de 19 años.

4 de junio-19 de julio, lunes a jueves

Cerrado 2-5 de julio

*Grace: 24 de mayo-19 de julio (lunes a viernes, cerrado 4-6 de julio)

*Hillcrest: 25 de mayo-22 de junio (lunes a viernes)

*Yeokum: 4—28 de junio (lunes a jueves)

Yeokum—7:30-8am, 11am-12pm

BMS—7:35-8:05am, 10:50-11:45am

Bosco—7:50-8:20am, 11am-12pm

Grace—7:30-8am, 11:30am-12:30pm

KY Trail y Cambridge—7:45-8:15am, 11am-1pm

Mill Creek—7:55-8:25am, 11am-1pm

Hillcrest 8:50-9:10am, 11:30am-1:30pm



Corresponsabilidad e Información



¡Gracias a Ray Quiñones y Eliezer, por sus años de servicio como acólitos! Este Mayo, se graduaron Ray y Eliezer de la high school, y les mostramos nuestro agradecimiento con una beca para sus estudios continuos. En esta foto aparece Ray Quiñones, quien recibió su beca el domingo pasado.

Donaciones de Valores y Fondos Mutuos

¿Valen algunas de sus acciones o fondos mutuos más que cuando los compró? Esto le proporciona un método sabio de dar a la parroquia de Sta. Sabina. Donar acciones apreciadas o acciones de fondos mutuos es un método estratégico de la planificación de regalos. En la mayoría de los casos, el donante recibe una deducción detallada en el monto total del valor justo de mercado (FMV) de las acciones donadas a la fecha de la donación. Este valor es deducible hasta un 30% del ingreso bruto ajustado del donante y puede ser transferido por hasta cinco años después del año de la donación. Consulte a su asesor financiero o jurídico.

Felicidades Por Su Boda

Felicidades a Víctor Oliveros y Janet Villegas quienes celebrarán su boda el 30 de Junio.

Felicidades Por Su Quinceañera

¡Felicidades a Samantha Robledo la hija de Manuel Robledo y Martha López, que celebró su Quinceañera el 22 de Junio!

Donaciones por Internet

Sta. Sabina ofrece una opción de donar en línea para los feligreses y visitantes. Esta es una manera fácil, y segura de contribuir por internet. Para establecer una contribución única ó recurrente: visite nuestro sitio web de la parroquia en www.stsabina-parish.org, haga clic en el botón "Online Giving" en la parte superior derecha y llene el formulario de contribución en línea.



En estas fotos aparecen los que asistieron a las platicas pre-bautismales el 12 de mayo y el 9 de junio.

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¡Felicidades a Litzy Angeline, quien fue bautizada el 16 de Junio!

Objetos perdidos:

¿Ha perdido algo en la iglesia en los últimos meses? Artículos perdidos y encontrados se muestran en la mesa del espacio de reunión otra vez este fin de semana. Por favor visítela para reclamar sus artículos perdidos. Los artículos no reclamados este fin de semana serán donados. ¡Gracias!

Horarios de Misa

Sábado: 4:00pm en Ingles

Domingo: 8:00am y 10:30am en Ingles,
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