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Thank you to all the volunteers who helped set up and decorate for Vacation Bible School this year… we couldn't have done it without 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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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time **July 28, 2019**

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Intentions for July 29—August 2, 2019

Mon.	8am	Communion Service
Tues.	6pm	†Bob Cummings
		†Jim Ruffini
Wed.	8am	†Fr. Robert Deming
		†Thomas Kotek
Thurs.	8am	†Joe Cook
Fri.	8am	†Don Madden

Saturday, August 3, 2019

4:00pm	†Bob Cummings
	†Frances Andregg

Sunday, August 4, 2019

8:00am	Intentions of Our Parish Family
	†Joseph Bost
10:30am	Intentions of the Altar Society
12:30pm Spanish	†Alejandro Cedillo Sr

From Death to New Life

†Don Madden, father of Patrick Madden

†Kathy Baker, mother of Beverly Jakobe

†Thomas Kotek, brother of Mary Cikan and uncle of Jamie Ayers

Calendar/Information

Sunday, July 28 - Domingo, 28 de Julio

9:30am Summer Choir Practice

11:00am Ensayo del Coro Hispano

Monday, July 29 - Lunes, 29 de Julio

4:00pm Uplift

7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, July 30 - Martes, 30 de Julio

No Scheduled Events

Wednesday, July 31 - Miércoles, 31 de Julio

9:00am Legion of Mary

Thursday, August 1 - Jueves, 1 de Agosto

9:30am Piecemakers Quilt Group

Friday, August 2 - Viernes, 2 de Agosto

8:30am Adoration/Adoración

5:00pm Ensayo de Quince Años: Isela Valenzuela

Saturday, August 3 - Sábado, 3 de Agosto

Altar Society Sale

12:00pm Knights District Meeting

12:00pm Quince Años: Isela Valenzuela

3:00pm Confessions

Sunday, August 4 - Domingo, 4 de Agosto

Altar Society Sale/Venta de la Sociedad del Altar

9:30am Summer Choir Practice

11:00am Ensayo del Coro Hispano

2:00pm Youth Volleyball

75th Anniversary Mass and Dinner - Aug 24

Our parish anniversary celebration will be held on Saturday, August 24th! Bishop Johnston will be coming to celebrate our 4pm Mass in honor of our parish's 75th anniversary, and this Mass will be a bilingual Mass. After Mass, there will be a dinner in the gym. We have reached our capacity of 400 for the dinner and are now putting names on a waiting list. Those on the waiting list will be contacted if we have cancellations. Contact the parish office at 816-331-4713 or email Berenice Zayas at berenice@stsabinaparish.org or Kris Larkey at kris@stsabinaparish.org if you would like to be placed on the waiting list. If you currently have a reservation and won't be able to attend, please let us know so we can contact those on the waiting list.

Baptism Congratulations

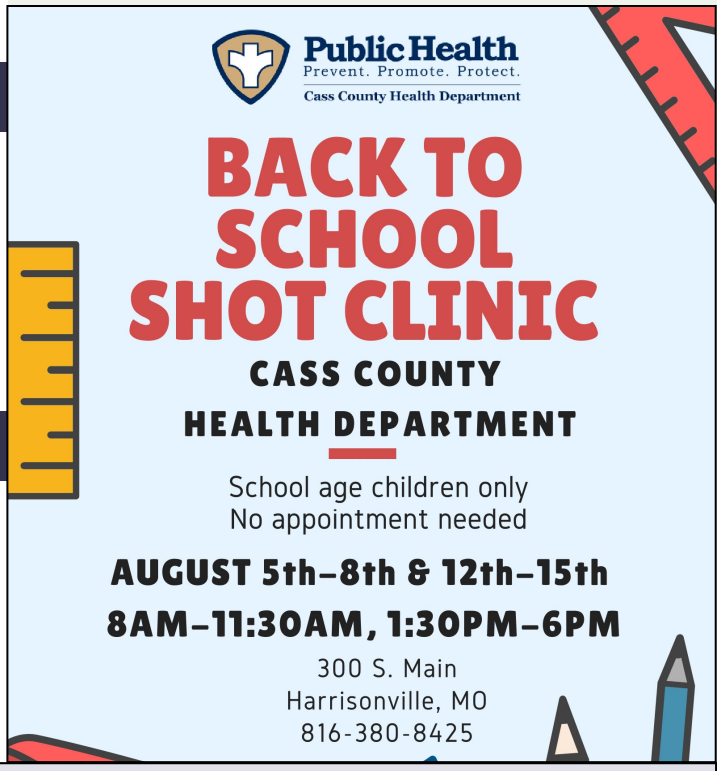
Anthony Paul Cannova, son of Paul Cannova and Lauren Cannova.

Wedding Congratulations

Congratulations to Sami Gul and Bailey Hughes who were married on Saturday, July 27th.

Altar Society Meeting - August 8th

The Altar Society will hold their next meeting on Thursday, August 8th at 7pm in Classroom #8 of the education wing. All are welcomed to attend.



Information

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

(Contact: Biagio Mazza - 816-979-3153; e-mail: biagio@stsabinaparish.org)

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, the RCIA, is a process which welcomes all who are interested in becoming Jesus' disciples in union with the Catholic Community, or any Catholic wishing to deepen their understanding of the faith. The Rite involves the formation of a community that learns, shares, builds community and prays together to deepen their relationship to God and to the parish family. The entire process leads to full commitment to God in and through the faith community, celebrated during the Easter Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. This year, the key steps, rituals and dates are:

August 29, 2019, 6 PM - Initial getting to know one another gathering and meal
September 5, 2019, 7-9 PM - The first of our weekly Thursday evening gatherings
December 1, 2019, 10:30 AM - The Rite of being welcomed and accepted by the parish family
February 29, 2020, 10 AM - The Rite of being welcomed and accepted by the diocesan family
April 9-10-11, 2020 - The Triduum Rituals leading to full commitment to God and parish family

If you or anyone you know would be interested in being part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, please share the information with them. There are forms in the gathering space, along with a complete calendar for this year's program. Please fill out the contact information on the other side and we will personally contact and invite all those interested to our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) meal which will be held on **Thursday, August 29th, 2019 at 6:00pm**.

St. Regis Academy - Now Enrolling

St. Regis Academy is now accepting enrollment for the 2019-2020 school year. Please call the office at 816-763-5837 for enrollment information. St. Regis Academy in partnership with parents, as the primary educators of their children, seeks to provide a Catholic Classical Liberal Arts Education centered on Christ. We seek to cultivate an environment that fosters a student's natural desire for Truth, Beauty, and Goodness. St. Regis Academy prepares students to think critically, reason logically, articulate clearly, and engage others persuasively. Our enrollment includes racial, ethnic, and economic diversity within the Body of Christ, providing a wealth of opportunity for students to grow in virtue by pursuing spiritual, emotional, and academic excellence.

happy birthday

Jim Agnew
Julia Barrera
Thomas Baty
Jane Bowden
Jim Brown
Bobby Brown
Jaime Bueno
Glen Byerly
Juan Cano
Veronica Cisetti
Ryan Coovert
Ann Cummings
Cheri Effertz
Sergio Flores
Miles Frey
Jennifer Giacone
Itzayana Gracida
Erik Guevara
Steven Haefele
Teresa Hernandez
Ximena Herrera
Richard Hoedl
Nora Huerta
Grace Humke
Darren Kopek
Wayne Little
Peggy Manning
Alfredo Martinez
Mary McDonough
Julie McGurn
Melba Mercier
Cinthya Molina
Kari Monsees
Jennifer Naughton
Stephanie Palacios
Natali Pinon
Debbie Ranes
Lizeth Reyes
Daisy Rocha
Lucila Rodriguez
Yarecsi Rodriguez
Antonio Romero
Michelle Rose
Colleen Shern
Ernesto Silva
Claudia Soltero
Adriana Valdez
Michael Vargas
Mayra Vides
Maria Wilbur
John Wink
Ed Yeater
Juan Zavala

Happy Anniversary

Daniel and Carol Starforth	61 Years!	8/2/1958
Gary and Terri Krueger	43 Years!	7/30/1976
Thomas and Susan Coovert	36 Years!	7/29/1983
Paul and Karen Donnelly	35 Years!	8/4/1984
Dcn. Mike and Denise Gates	35 Years!	8/4/1984
Craig and Debra Cheney	34 Years!	8/3/1985
Chris and Stacey McClish	28 Years!	8/3/1991
Joseph and Carolyn Foster	26 Years!	7/30/1993
Kelly and Jennifer Coots	24 Years!	8/4/1995
Jonathan and Brandy Harshbarger	23 Years!	8/3/1996
Sergio Rocha and Estela Medina	23 Years!	8/4/1996
Gerald and Teresa McDonald	21 Years!	8/1/1998
Doug and Claudine Butscher	20 Years!	7/31/1999
Kevin and Stephanie Como	20 Years!	7/31/1999
Roger and Kristina Jacobs	20 Years!	7/31/1999
James and Kimberly Oliver	10 Years!	8/3/2009
Casey and Kerry Morgan	8 Years!	7/30/2011
Damian and Jenessys Vargas	4 Years!	8/1/2015
Alex and Krissy Berkovich	2 Years!	7/29/2017

This Week's Do You Know Video:

Do You Know?

Our lived faith experience involves gathering in sacred spaces that we call churches. This does not mean that only these places are sacred and other places in life are not. Rather, God is present everywhere. If that is the case, somewhere we must gather to acknowledge and celebrate that presence. Sacred spaces offer us that opportunity. Make time to view this week's DYK video to learn more about why we call churches sacred spaces.

Pastoral Care

Nursing Home Mass Schedule

July 31	8:00am	St. Sabina (5th Wed.)
Aug 7	10:30am	Beautiful Savior
Aug 14	10:00am	Redwood of Raymore

Grief Support Group

Peer to Peer Grief Support *"Coping with Life Alone®"* is a *Beginning Experience®* grief support program that meets each week for 7 weeks. The program helps those who have lost a love relationship due to death, divorce or separation, move through the experience of grief and loss into a future with renewed hope. The next group will meet at St Therese Parish North, Saturdays, Sept. 7-19, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. For more information and registration, contact Donna at 816-305-3760.

Hospitalized?

If you are hospitalized and would like us to know, please call or have a family member call Marta in the parish office at 979-3154 or 331-4713.

Ministry to the Sick and Homebound

Is God Calling You to Serve? Are You Caring and Compassionate? Interested in ministry to the sick and homebound? For more information about this ministry, contact Marta Roper in the parish office, 816-979-3154 or at marta@stsabinaparish.org.

Prayer Requests/Peticiones de Oración

Dick Armstrong
Lorenzo Barragon
Beverly Bell
Dennis Berg
Jean Berg
John Bidondo
George Bremer
Maxine Bremer
Roger Brown
Sheila Brown
Joyce Callahan
John Caoile
John Cikan
Steve Circo
Joseph Coots
David Dawes
Margaret Dellaguardia
Margo Dellaguardia
Nolan Dickerson
Marcia DiGeorge
Steven DiGeorge
Irene Down
Paula Dull
Judy Giannini
Kelly Hall
Terry Eppert
Monica Espinoza
Connie Firner
Jean Frank
Al Gebauer
Ginny Hainey
Cathy Hall
Laverne Harlow
Connie Harper
Cherie Hatfield
Beth Heide
Rhonda Henke
Alex Henningsen
Morgan Hilliard
Richard Hoedl
Gale Holsman
Araceli Jimenez
John Jongenelen
Kathy Keary
Don Kueck
Darrell Littler
Baby Long
Bonita Mackedanz
Ray Malisos
Janet Moorman
Robert Morris
Karen Muelbach
Harry Muench
Joan Muench
Bogumila Oczko
Ezequil Olarte
Chuck Orstad
Thelma Palmer
George Panebianco
Harry Peckham
Juanita Peckham
Monica Peek
David Pierce
Nora Placencia
Diane Quinn
Sherman Ragsdale
Larry Rhodes
Michelle Rose
Anna Ryan
Patricia Santana
Ron Schock
Liz Selleck
Brenda Sheppard
Brian Sheppard
Jaxton Shipley
Lois Simpson
Don Standley
Charles Stinger II
Lois Stogsdill
Marjorie Storm
Rita Stout
Melinda Tafuro
Vivian Tafuro
Jean Tate
Joe Taylor
Angel Thomas
Bruce Thompson
Priscilla Tristani
Richard Vogel
Dani Wagner
Mary Westfall
Marie Wilburn
Mary Wickstrum
Jeanette Woolworth
Carmitia Yust

Wellness Center

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Did You Know – The expression, dog days of summer, refers to the hot, sultry days of summer originally in areas around the Mediterranean Sea, and as the expression fit, to other areas, especially in the Northern Hemisphere. According to the Farmer's Almanac, this is the hottest time of the year, the 40 days that span from July 3 through August 11.

Here are some tips to keep your furry friends safe during these *dog days*.

1. Make sure your pet has plenty of fresh, clean water at all times – but especially during hot weather.
2. Exercise your dog in the morning or evening, during the coolest temps of the day. Stay in the shade whenever possible.
3. Regardless of the time of day, don't overdo exercise sessions.
4. Never, EVER leave your pet alone in a parked vehicle on a hot day.
5. Make sure your dog knows how to swim before giving her access to a pool, pond, lake or other body of water.
6. Play in the sprinkler with your dog or hose her down with cool water if she must stay outside.

If you suspect your dog is overheated, get her to the vet immediately!!

Stewardship

Venta de Tamales/Tamale Sale

Todas las ganancias irán en apoyo a nuestra Iglesia
Proceeds will go to support our Parish

$15.00 Docena/Dozen

Para ordenar llame a Berenice al 816-979-3150 o berenice@stsabinaparish.org
To place an order contact Berenice at 816-979-3150 or berenice@stsabinaparish.org

En salsa roja (de Cerdo) **En salsa verde(de Pollo)**

Red Sauce Tamales (Pork) **Green Sauce Tamales (Chicken)**

Ordena hoy, y venga por los tamales al gimnasio el Sábado 10 a las 3:00 p.m. o el domingo 11 de Agosto entre 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Place your order today, and pick the tamales up in the Gym on August 10 after 3:00 p.m. or August 11 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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Donating Securities and Mutual Funds

Are some of your shares of stock or mutual funds higher than when you bought them? This provides you a wise method of giving to St. Sabina Parish.

Donating appreciated stock or mutual fund shares is a strategic gift-planning method. In most cases, the donor receives an itemized deduction in the full amount of the fair market value (FMV) of the shares donated as of the date of the gift. This value is deductible up to 30% of the donor's adjusted gross income and can be carried over for up to five years after the year of the gift. Please consult your financial or legal adviser.

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.

Quarterly Financial Report

Income	4th Quarter (Apr-Jun)	Year to Date (July '18-Jun '19)
Weekly Env	$149,449.25	$644,144.67
Weekly Plate	$ 12,747.93	$ 51,648.10
Holy Days	$ 925.32	$ 8,622.72
Maint/Upkeep	$ 12,470.36	$ 51,659.38
Gifts	$ 7,850.00	$ 55,928.34
Fund Raising/Misc.	$ 27,641.25	$ 32,204.13
Operational	$ 9,090.89	$ 46,743.54
Ministry & Program	$ -	$ 4,265.00
Religious Ed	$ 432.16	$ 7,995.95
Miscellaneous	$ 32,801.00	$ 34,063.25
Total Income	$253,408.16	$937,275.08
Expenses	**4th Quarter**	**Year to Date**
Salaries/Ben/FICA	$150,061.54	$607,585.75
Utilities	$ 10,491.09	$ 56,616.12
Facilities	$ 19,505.49	$ 47,766.31
Operational	$ 14,805.13	$ 49,411.99
Prayer & Worship	$ 1,833.62	$ 6,356.22
Monthly Diocese	$ 40,725.00	$162,900.00
Religious Ed	$ 2,837.15	$ 9,856.86
Youth Ministry	$ 848.85	$ 6,881.69
Pastoral Ministry	$ (33.44)	$ 274.02
Extraordinary Exp	$ -	$ 39,967.11
Total Expenses	$241,074.43	$987,616.07
Income Less Exp	$ 12,333.73	$(50,340.99)

Stewardship

"Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread and forgive us our sins for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us, and do not subject us to the final test.'"

Luke 11: 1-4

As we pray the words of the Our Father, we recognize this basic truth about ourselves and God: God is our Father and we are beloved and infinitely blessed to be His children. This is the basis of a stewardship way of life. At the end of the Gospel passage, Jesus encourages us to pursue a relationship with the Father: Ask Him, seek Him, knock on His door! He can hardly wait to bless us, His children. Remember that this week, then go, be a blessing to others! Stewardship is just that simple.
— See more at www.catholicsteward.com/blog/.

Contributions for July 21

Envelopes/Sobres:	$9,311.00
Plate/Canasta:	$ 927.71
Maintenance-Upkeep:	$ 342.00

New Guidebook & Directory

Look in your mailbox for our new Guide Book & Directory. It should be arriving soon. The advertisers helped provide this service at no cost to our parish. We encourage you to think of them in the future as your needs arise. If you are interested in advertising next year, contact amandavogt@guidebookpublishing.com for more information.

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Green Team Tip of the Week

Rinse all items for recycling so that the load is not rejected for contamination.

Focus on Ministry

Each month we will be highlighting one of our many parish ministries. Please take this opportunity to read about the ministries offered at our parish. If you are interested in volunteering, or simply want more information, please reach out to the contact person listed at the bottom of the ministry highlight.

Community Garden

Mission: The St. Sabina Community Garden grows fresh produce using sustainable methods for donation to feeding programs and food pantries in Belton and Raymore, MO.

Vision: "*For I was Hungry and you gave me food*" MT 25:35. The St. Sabina Community Garden (SSCG) is a ministry of St. Sabina Parish that is open to public and group participation. We express our love of God and neighbor by growing vegetables, herbs and fruit. In the ecumenical spirit, the harvest is donated to Fishes and Loaves Food Pantry, Heart-n-Hand Ministries Day Center and Food Pantry, the Uplift Organization cooks at St. Sabina, and Vox Dei Food Pantry.

Organization: The SSCG is co-coordinated by David Pierce, Yvonne Garman and Michelle Rose. Committee members help with plant production activities, soliciting donations, fundraising, grant applications, volunteer recruiting and administrative duties. We work on Wednesday and Saturday mornings, weather permitting. For more info contact David Pierce 816-392-1110 or Michelle Rose 919-624-4407.

Youth Ministry

Youth News

Junior & Senior High Youth Summer Volleyball! Our awesome youth will be joining kids from a couple other parishes to play some volleyball this summer. Remaining game is on August 4th at St. Sabina, from 2-4pm.

VBS ROAR! - Day 1

Miss Kristin helps Mia make beads at the Imagination Station.

Patrick and Aiden participate in Stampede Sports.

Our youngest crew waits patiently for song and dance at the end of the day.

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, Joe Crayon, at 816.812.2500 or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org, 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://kcsjcatholic.org/the-office-of-child-and-youth-protection/

The Little Ones Jim Burrows

And Jesus said to them, "And I tell you,
ask and you will receive; seek and you will find;
knock and the door will be opened to you." Lk 11:9

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Reflection on the Readings

The focus of this Sunday's readings is on the power and necessity of prayer. Psalm 138 and its refrain, "Lord on the day I called for help you answered me," assure us with great confidence that God answered prayers in the past and continues to answer prayers today. This confidence in God allows us to trust that God will continue to answer prayers in times yet to come. God's covenant love and care are the constant reference for our continued trust and reliance upon God. **The psalmist is convinced of God's care by asserting that "your right hand saves me...your kindness (hesed or covenant love) endures forever."**

The letter to the Colossians expresses this same care and concern by stressing that God came in the person of Jesus to free us from slavery to sin, "obliterating the bond against us...nailing it to the cross." God raised Jesus up and brought us to new life in him even though we "were dead in transgressions." Thus, through baptism, we have been buried with Christ, so that through the power of God, we might be raised with him. Such depth of love is the clearest manifestation of God's care and concern for all God's creation. **Prayer connects us to God and allows us to build on that strong loving bond that God has initiated with all people.**

The first and third readings stress the need for continual prayer as well as for persistence in prayer. Abraham, negotiating with God over the fate of Sodom and Gomorrah, seeks to have God do what God always desires to do. God desires to be merciful and to forgive sinners. **Abraham asks essentially how far God is willing to be God. In that sense, Abraham is attuning himself to God's desires and will, asking God to be faithful to what God ultimately is and desires.**

The context of Jesus himself praying moves his disciples to ask him to teach them how to pray. Jesus teaches his disciples the "Our Father" or "The Lord's Prayer" as the ideal prayer form. The prayer summarizes key Jewish beliefs and understandings of God, emphasizing familial covenant love and relationship. **The Jewish Scriptures understood the people's relationship to God in terms of a loving parent who manifests continual care and concern for all.**

Along with the prayer, Luke's Jesus recounts several parables about the need for persistence in prayer, which will lead to God's gift of the Spirit in our lives. Why the gift of the Spirit? Because it is the Spirit that helps us to pray, guides us in our prayer, and allows us to attune our prayer to God's will and desire and not our own.

Persistence in prayer is not about nagging or complaining till we get our way with God. That sort of attitude causes people to give up on God or to see God as arbitrary, answering that person's prayer and not ours. Persistence in prayer does not mean pestering God for as long as it takes till God gets the message. **Prayer is not about changing God's mind. Rather prayer is asking God to grant us the wisdom to discern God's way or path for our lives, along with asking for the courage to accept that path, no matter where it leads**.

In Luke's gospel, Jesus prays continually throughout his whole ministry, especially at key moments in that ministry. Jesus offers prayer to God as Father, seeking to know God's desires for him. Jesus does not impose his will on God, but rather attempts to discern what God wants of him. **The perfect expression summing up all prayer is Jesus' prayer to the Father, "not my will but yours be done."** Armed with such assurance, Jesus attempts to put God's will and desire into action.

As his followers, Jesus calls us to model our prayer life on his. **When you pray, what exactly are you asking God for?** At life's difficult moments, what function does prayer play in your life? **How do you see the role of the Spirit in your prayer life? Pray today for wisdom to know God's will and for strength to follow through on God's ways.**

Biagio Mazza, Pastoral Associate

Readings

Sunday, July 28

1st Reading: Genesis 18:20-32
Psalm: Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 (3a)
2nd Reading: Colossians 2:12-14
Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

Sunday, August 4

1st Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23
Psalm: Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 (95:8)
2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11
Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

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 date is August 11 at 10:30am in the conference room.** All are welcome; bring a Bible. To register, call Biagio at 816-979-3153.

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Reflexión Sobre las Lecturas

El enfoque de las lecturas de este domingo está en el poder y la necesidad de la oración. El Salmo 138 y su estribillo, "Cuando te invoqué, Señor, me escuchaste", nos asegura con gran confianza de que Dios contestó oraciones en el pasado y sigue contestando oraciones hoy. Esta confianza en Dios nos permite confiar en que Dios continuará respondiendo las oraciones en los tiempos por venir. El amor de alianza y el cuidado de Dios son la referencia constante para nuestra continua confianza en Dios. **El salmista está convencido del cuidado de Dios al afirmar que "tu derecha me salva ... tu misericordia es eterna".**

La carta a los colosenses expresa este mismo cuidado y preocupación al enfatizar que Dios vino en la persona de Jesús para liberarnos de la esclavitud al pecado, "anuló el documento que nos era contrario... clavándolo en la cruz de Cristo". Dios levantó a Jesús y nos llevó a una nueva vida en él a pesar de que estábamos “muertos por los pecados”. Así, a través del bautismo, hemos sido sepultados con Cristo, para que a través del poder de Dios, podamos ser resucitados con él. Tal profundidad de amor es la manifestación más clara del cuidado y preocupación de Dios por toda la creación de Dios. **La oración nos conecta con Dios y nos permite construir ese fuerte vínculo amoroso que Dios ha iniciado con todas las personas.**

La primera y la tercera lectura hacen hincapié en la necesidad de una oración continua, así como de la persistencia en la oración. Abraham, negociando con Dios el destino de Sodoma y Gomorra, busca que Dios haga lo que Dios siempre desea hacer. Dios desea ser misericordioso y perdonar a los pecadores. **Abraham pregunta esencialmente hasta qué punto Dios está dispuesto a ser Dios. En ese sentido, Abraham se sintoniza con los deseos y la voluntad de Dios, y le pide a Dios que sea fiel a lo que últimamente Dios es y desea.**

El contexto de la oración de Jesús mismo hace que sus discípulos le pidan que les enseñe a orar. Jesús enseña a sus discípulos el "Padre Nuestro" o "La Oración del Señor" como la forma ideal de oración. La oración resume las creencias y entendimientos judíos más importantes de Dios, enfatizando el amor y la relación del pacto familiar. **Las Escrituras judías entendieron la relación de la gente con Dios en términos de un padre amoroso que manifiesta un cuidado y una preocupación continuos por todos**.

Junto con la oración, el Jesús según Lucas relata varias parábolas sobre la necesidad de persistir en la oración, lo que llevará al don del Espíritu de Dios en nuestras vidas. ¿Por qué el don del Espíritu? Porque es el Espíritu el que nos ayuda a orar, nos guía en nuestra oración y nos permite sintonizar nuestra oración con la voluntad y el deseo de Dios y no con el nuestro.

La persistencia en la oración no consiste en fastidiar o quejarse hasta que nos salgamos con lo nuestro. Ese tipo de actitud hace que las personas renuncien a Dios o que vean a Dios como arbitrario, respondiendo a la oración de esa persona y no a la nuestra. La persistencia en la oración no significa molestar a Dios por el tiempo que sea necesario hasta que Dios reciba el mensaje. **La oración no se trata de cambiar la mente de Dios. Más bien, orar es pedirle a Dios que nos conceda la sabiduría para discernir el camino de Dios para nuestras vidas, junto con pedir el valor para aceptar ese camino, sin importar a dónde nos lleve.**

En el evangelio de Lucas, Jesús ora continuamente durante todo su ministerio, especialmente en los momentos claves de ese ministerio. Jesús ofrece oración a Dios como Padre, buscando conocer los deseos de Dios para él. Jesús no impone su voluntad a Dios, sino que trata de discernir lo que Dios quiere de él. **La expresión perfecta que resume toda oración es la oración de Jesús al Padre, "no se haga mi voluntad sino la tuya".** Armado con tanta seguridad, Jesús intenta poner en acción la voluntad y el deseo de Dios.

Como sus seguidores, Jesús nos llama a modelar nuestra vida de oración en la suya. **Cuando ora, ¿qué es exactamente lo que le está pidiendo a Dios?** En los momentos difíciles de la vida, ¿qué función desempeña la oración en su vida? **¿Cómo ve el papel del Espíritu en su vida de oración? Oremos hoy por sabiduría para conocer la voluntad de Dios y por fortaleza para seguir los caminos de Dios.**

Biagio Mazza, Asociado Pastoral

Lecturas

Lecturas del Domingo, 28 de Julio
Primera Lectura: Génesis 18:20-32
Salmo: Salmo 138:1-2a, 2bc-3, 6-7ab, 7c-8
Segunda Lectura: Colosenses 2:12-14
Evangelio: Lucas 11:1-13

Lecturas del Domingo, 4 de Agosto
Primera Lectura: Eclesiastés 1:2; 2:21-23
Salmo: Salmo 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 y 17
Segunda Lectura: Colosenses 3:1-5, 9-11
Evangelio: Lucas 12:13-21

Información/Ministerio Juvenil

Noticias Juveniles

¡Nuevos Ministros Jóvenes! Estamos invitando a los jóvenes/adultos jóvenes de la high school y universidad a formar parte de nuestro equipo de liderazgo para el próximo año escolar. Si estás emocionado de compartir tu fe y servir a nuestra comunidad parroquial de jóvenes a través de grupos pequeños, platicas breves, preparación para juntas, orar y servir en el equipo de Search, ¡entonces el Ministerio de Ministros Jóvenes es para TI! Tendremos algunas reuniones para divertirnos este verano, así como algunas reuniones de capacitación y planificación antes de que comience el nuevo año escolar. Comuníquese con Kirstie Roberts si no recibió información sobre este ministerio por correo.

¡Voleibol de Verano para los Jóvenes de la Middle School y la High School! Nuestros increíbles jóvenes se unirán a los jóvenes de otras parroquias para jugar al voleibol este verano. El ultimo partido cae el 4 de agosto en Sta. Sabina, de las 2-4pm.

El maestro Efrén habla con los niños en la escuela bíblica sobre las Israelitas y el faraón.

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:

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3) **Después de informarle a las autoridades de la orden civil y de leyes, reporte el *abuso sexual del menor o del adulto vulnerable* a Joe Crayon, Defensor del Pueblo Diocesano al 816.812.2500 o crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org si el abuso implica a un sacerdote, diacono, empleado o voluntario de la Diócesis de Kansas City-St. Joseph.**

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Los Más Pequeños Jim Burrows

Corresponsabilidad/Información

Rito de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos (RICA)

(Contacto: Raul Felix - 816-309-1919)

El Rito de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos, el RICA, es un proceso que da la bienvenida a todos los interesados en convertirse en discípulos de Jesús en unión con la comunidad católica, o cualquier católico que desee profundizar su comprensión de la fe. El Rito implica la formación de una comunidad que aprende, comparte, construye comunidad y reza para profundizar su relación con Dios y con la familia parroquial. Todo el proceso lleva a un compromiso total con Dios en y a través de la comunidad de fe, celebrada durante el Triduo Pascual del Jueves Santo, el Viernes Santo y la Vigilia Pascual.

Si usted o alguien que usted conoce estaría interesado en formar parte del Rito de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos, comparta la información con ellos. Hay formularios en el espacio de reunión, junto con un calendario completo para el programa de este año. Complete la información de contacto en el otro lado y nos comunicaremos personalmente e invitaremos a todos los interesados a nuestra comida RICA (Rito de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos) que se llevará a cabo **el jueves 29 de agosto de 2019 a las 6:00 pm.**

Felicidades Por Su Quinceañera

Felicidades a **Isela Valenzuela,** la hija de Sergio Valenzuela y Celia Hernandez, que celebrará su Quinceañera el 3 de Agosto.

Felicidades Por Su Bautismo

Santiago Ramírez, el hijo de José Ramírez y María Paula Valerio

Dylan Gael Meléndez Ayala, el hijo de Alex Amílcar Meléndez Portillo y Blanca Patricia Ayala Guzmán

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