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

Pictured above are Eucharistic Minister, Cheryl Nichols, and Jerry Stella.

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

Protecting God's Children—August 11

A Protecting God's Children workshop will be offered in our parish on Thursday, August 11 at 6:30pm. Protecting God's Children is a required training program for all volunteers with youth and children. This is a free training where you will learn the warning signs of abuse, strategies for handling suspicions of abuse, and ways to respond to abuse. By participating in this program you are helping to ensure that our parish is a safe environment for our children and vulnerable adults. **Register online at kcsjcatholic.org. Under the "Safe Environment" tab select "Training."**

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Intentions for August 8-12, 2016

Mon.	8am	COMMUNION SERVICE
Tues.	6pm	†Vernita Linenberger
		†Connie Pat Ising
Wed.	10am	†Robert J Lewis
		(Rehab Ctr. Of Raymore)
Thurs.	8am	†Joe Stanley
Friday	8am	†Billy Coleman

Saturday, August 13, 2016

4:00pm	†George Bleier & his deceased family
	†Mary Ellen Hermann

Sunday, August 14, 2016

8:00am	†Gretchen Butler
10:30am	Intentions of the Altar Society
12:30pm Spanish	Intenciones de la Familia Parroquial
	Intenciones de Kimberly Arbizo Rocha

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

†Joe Stanley, husband of Donna Stanley

†Rosemary Cooney, Foxwood Springs

†Jose Alfredo Cisneros, nephew of Hilda Alvarado

†Daniel Ellis, husband of Karen Ellis

Calendar/Parish Happenings

Sunday, August 7 - Domingo, 7 de Agosto

Pupusa Sale

9:30am Summer Choir Practice

Monday, August 8 - Lunes, 8 de Agosto

5:30pm Marian Prayer Group

7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, August 9 - Martes, 9 de Agosto

7:00pm English as a Second Language
Inglés Como Segunda Lengua

Wednesday, August 10 - Miércoles, 10 de Agosto

9:00am Legion of Mary

10:00am Mass at Rehab Center of Raymore

6:00pm Cantor Practice

Thursday, August 11 - Jueves, 11 de Agosto

9:30am Quilters

6:00pm Protecting God's Children

Friday, August 12 - Viernes, 12 de Agosto

No Scheduled Events

Saturday, August 13 - Sábado, 13 de Agosto

10:00am Platicas Pre-Bautismales

12:00pm Misa del 25 Aniversario de Bodas—Arreola

2:00pm Baptisms

3:00pm Confessions

3:20pm Summer Choir Practice

Sunday, August 14 - Domingo, 14 de Agosto

9:30am Summer Choir Practice

Pupusa Sale - August 7

On Sunday, August 7 our Salvadoran community will be selling pupusas after Masses. A pupusa is a traditional Salvadoran dish made of a thick, handmade corn tortilla that is usually filled with variations of cheese, pork, and refried beans. There will be samples to try so you can purchase your favorite variety. The cost will be $2 each and you can purchase them to go. All funds collected will be used towards our 2017 Romero Celebration.

Foundations for Living Stones – A Faith Formation Program for Interested Adults

"Come to him, a living stone...chosen and precious in the sight of God, and, like living stones, let yourself be built into a spiritual house..."
(1 Peter 2:4-5)

St. Sabina, a Catholic faith community committed to total and lifelong faith formation, is offering an adult faith formation program titled, Foundations for Living Stones. The program explores in greater depth and knowledge the basics of our faith. All the sessions focus on the ministry that we are called to in and through our baptism. Communication skills, group development, leadership skills, bible study, church history, prayer and sacraments are some of the many areas explored and examined in depth. Adult methods of learning and reflection are employed throughout.

The sessions are scheduled on Tuesday evenings, from 7-9:30 PM, beginning in early September and ending in late May. This is a 9-month commitment to deepen one's skills and knowledge so as to become a more effective and engaged disciple and minister. We hope to work collaboratively with neighboring parishes, inviting them to be part of this mutual learning process. For a brochure or more information, please call or e-mail either Kris or Biagio at:

Biagio Mazza 816-979-3153; e-mail biagio@stsabinaparish.org

Kris Larkey 816-979-3151; e-mail kris@stsabinaparish.org

LIVING STONES
1 peter 2:5

Parish Happenings and Information

You are invited to participate in a Poverty Simulation hosted by West Central Community Action Agency in our parish gym on Thursday, August 18, 5:30-8:30pm. It is difficult to truly understand the situation that families living in poverty experience every day—the decisions they have to make, and the fears and frustrations they feel. Come walk a mile in their shoes by participating in this Poverty Simulation. This interactive training event provides a window into the lives of families and struggles they face. This is a free training, but registration is required by August 11. Contact Cathy Adams or Sandy Koetting at 816-322-0502.

Beans and Rice Collection

One of the gifts I'm grateful for is a place to call "home." Not just a roof over my head but a place where my family can grow, build memories, feel safe, and have what we need. How can I thank God for the blessing of my home? I thank Him by helping those who do not have a home, and doing what I can to make them and their families more comfortable by providing them with items that they need.

St. Sabina parishioners help people who don't have a steady home by holding a Beans and Rice Drive every fall. This year we will hold our collection on the weekends of August 28th and September 4th. We will collect beans, rice, and other dry or non-perishable foods, as well as the following special requests for this year:

- brown paper grocery sacks - we always need more of these than we have; we use 100-200 every Monday evening.
- t-shirts - all sizes
- Bandanas
- baseball caps
- blue jeans for men and women
- sweatshirts, light jackets

(we'll be handing these out in late September as the weather begins to turn)

Several volunteers will take the donations to the Migrant Farmworkers Project in Lexington, MO on September 12, where they will distribute items to migrant families. This ministry is very important because the migrant families are constantly moving around the country, to where ever they can find work that time of year, and can only take the possessions that will fit in their car with them.

Venta de Tamales/ Tamale Sale

Apoya a Nuestra Iglesia y Ministerio Hispano

Support our Church and our Hispanic Ministry

$15.00 docena/ Dozen

Para hacer ordenes llame a Berenice Zayas al 816-979-3150 o berenice@stsabinaparish.org

To place an order contact Berenice Zayas at 816-979-3150 or berenice@stsabinaparish.org

Ordena hoy y venga por los tamales al gimnasio el 27 de Agosto entre 9:00am y 2:00pm

Order Now and pick up tamales at the Gym August 27, 2016 from 9:00a.m. -2:00p.m.

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Pastoral Care

Nursing Home Mass Schedule

Aug 10	10:00am	Rehabilitation of Raymore
Aug 17	10:00am	Foxwood Springs
Aug 24	11:00am	Carnegie Village

"I was ill and you cared for me" (Matthew 25)

Save the date! Is God calling you to ministry? On Saturday morning, Sept 24th we will offer a workshop for Extra-ordinary ministers to the sick and homebound. For more information, or to register please contact Marta Roper in the parish office at 816-979-3154 or marta@stsabinaparish.org.

Mental Health Resource Numbers

NAMI - National Alliance on Mental Illness
816-931-0030 - Support, Education, Advocacy
National Suicide Prevention Lifeline
1-800-273-TALK (8255) Available 24/7
ACI Mental Health Crisis Hotline
1-888-279-8188 Available 24/7, Multilingual

"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 divorce, separation or death, move through the experience of grief and loss into a future with renewed hope. The next "Coping with Life Alone" series begins Thurs, Aug 18, 2016 from 6:30-8:30pm at St Patrick Parish. For more information visit www.kcsjfamily.org/beginning-experience-kansas city.

Prayer Requests/Peticiones de Oración

Felipe Abarca
Dick Anthony
Belen Antillon
Marilyn Avalos
Suzie Ashbaugh
Polleth Bautista
Yesika Benavides
Sheryll Bentley
John Bidondo
Allie Biondo
Joe Birkenbach
Yolanda Blanks
Mark Butler
Hilda Burchett
John Caoile
Delfina Chavez
Barbara Clark
Marvin Cohen
Steve Collier
Joseph Coots
Donna Dailey
Paul DeMar
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Butch Ford
Fr. Paul Frank
Emily Frezza
Dick Garnier
Antonio Garcia
Wendy Gomez
Tom Gudenkauf
Connie Harper
Jason Hart
Jeanette Hart
Cherie Hatfield
Laverne Harlow
Bart Henke
Rhonda K Henke
Mabel Hopkins
Josie Johnson
Kelly Jordon
Ashley Junkunc
Kelsey Krum
Beverly Little
Jo Locke
Dick Martin
Dodie Maurer
Bob McDonald
Gloria McLaughlin
Denise Mehlo
Alice Miller
Carl Miller
Sherril Nevins
Johnnie Nicholes
Jane Nouryeh
Gary Palmer
Thelma Palmer
Cynthia Peterman
Leona Ragsdale
Sherman Ragsdale
Connie Read
Austin Richards
Patricia Smith
Noah Stanley
Jean Tate
Ruth Tayler
Angel Thomas
Daryl Vonderohe
Bob Westfall
Mary Westfall
Judy Wheeler
Merle Woolworth
Emy Yeater
Carmitia Yust
Pablo Zayas

Registration Deadline - Tuesday, August 9th "Adult Grief Recovery Group"

The first session is Tuesday, August 16th at 1:30pm. All faith traditions are welcome. ***Advanced registration required***. Confidentiality within the group is expected. To register contact Marta Roper in the parish office at 816-979-3154.

Wellness Center

Eating for a Sharper Brain—Berries and Wine

A study of roughly 16,000 women age 70 and older revealed that eating at least one serving of blueberries or two servings of strawberries a week delayed cognitive aging by up to two and a half years compared with those who ate less of either fruit. The antiaging effects may be attributed to anthocyanins, antioxidants that may help protect neurons in regions of the brain related to learning and memory.

Multiple studies have found that drinking vino in moderation may help your heart, but the good news doesn't stop there. New research suggests it may also help prevent cognitive decline. A 2014 British Journal of Nutrition study, which followed healthy subjects ages 43 to 70 for five years, discovered that red wine drinkers who consumed about one and a half glasses per day experienced the least memory loss compared with those who drank less. Cheers!

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 Circuit Training 6-7pm
Friday:	Intermediate Yoga 1-2pm Gentle Yoga 2-3pm
Saturday:	CLOSED

Area Information

Married Couples

It has been said that the greatest gift you can give your children is two parents very much in love with each other. Polish up this gift and put a bow on it at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. You deserve the best and your children need to see you reaching for it. The next Weekend in Kansas City is Sept. 30-Oct. 2, 2016

For more information or to apply, please visit our website: www.wwme4youandme.org
or call Tony & Barb Zimmerman, 816-741-4066
or email tonybarbz@prodigy.net

University of St. Mary Alumni Fundraiser

The Greater Kansas City Alumni Council of the University of St. Mary is sponsoring its fall fundraiser to benefit student scholarships on August 26 from 6:00 – 8:30 pm at the Strawberry Hill Museum, 720 North 4th Street Kansas City, KS 66101. Join us for an Evening in Dubrovnic, including:
museum tours, silent auction, music by Hrvatski Običaj Combo, Croatian wine tasting and regional appetizers and desserts. To RSVP contact Penny Lonergan at plonergan@kc.rr.com or call 913-651-5265 no later than August 19th. Suggested minimum donation $30.00.

"Nelly Don at Dusk " Silent Auction hosted by St. Francis Xavier-Kansas City

Join us Saturday, Sept. 17 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm for a fun and elegant evening to raise money for much -needed window replacements and other improvements at our St. Francis Xavier rectory. The "Nelly Don at Dusk" event will feature a silent auction, home tours, live music, appetizers and beverages at the historic mansion where the famed Kansas City fashion designer once lived.
5236 Cherry St. Kansas City, MO 64110 - Tickets are $75 at www.nellydonatdusk.com

NELLY DON AT DUSK

Quinceañera Congratulations

Congratulations to **Geraldine Tenorio**, the daughter of Armando Tenorio and Guadalupe Benitez, who celebrated her Quinceañera on Saturday, August 6th

happy birthday

Adolfo Albor	Vanessa Hernandez	Nicolas Pettit
Moises Angel	Clinton Hill	Zach Poland
Abelardo Arreola	Denisse Hinojos	Giacomo Randazzo
Carlos Arroyo	Maria Holguin	Justin Rewald
Nayeli Ayala	Joseph Huerta	Jose Reyes
Bradley Batchelder	Alisa Hurtado	Ana Rivas
William Birkner	Joseph Jackson	Angel Rocha
Susan Budnik	Jeremy Jones	Maria Rocha
Erica Chevalier	Devin Keith	Celia Rodriguez
Dasha Colin	Audrey Kelch	Adam Rosas
James Curtis	Aaron King	Paulette Samson
Genoveva Driscoll	Nelson Lara	Nicholas Sargert
Dan Emerick	Patricia Ledford	Louis Scaccia
Cynthia Flores	Keaton Lee	William Sellmeyer
Cesar Franco	Allison Lozano-Leya	Alyssa Springate
Melissa Fuselier	Lorenzo Lozano-Leya	Larry Strickler
Jesus Gaspar	Jonathan Lynn	Brianna Stoddard
Aaron Gonzalez	Janis Macias	Jack Taylor
Jacqueline Gonzalez	Jose Martinez	Hannah Thomas
Isaac Gonzalez	Julien Martinez	Douglas Thurman
Karen Grantham	Noel Martinez	Scott Thurston
Jose Guardado	Noelia Martinez	Michelle Vargo
Morena Guardado	Jennifer McDaniel	Jassiny Vazquez
Endrie Guerrero	Kendra McLain	Dorothy Watkins
Arlene Guss	Sabrina Mendez	Richard Westbrock
Joyce Hammack	Charlene Morgan	Stephanie Wilson
Kathryn Hartzell	Marin Neri	Roland Woods
Catherine Helzer	Victor Ortiz	Elizabeth Woolfolk

Happy Anniversary

Bob and Sally Coshun	54 Years!	08-11-1962
James and Sandra Flynn	52 Years!	08-08-1964
Ron and Mary Hoffman	51 Years!	08-14-1965
Marvin and Karen Henrich	44 Years!	08-12-1972
Kurt and Mary Shatford	25 Years!	08-09-1991
Dennis and Kay Glaser	21 Years!	08-12-1995
Joel and Olga Ortega	17 Years!	08-10-1999
Michael and Shelly Orozco	17 Years!	08-14-1999
John and Cecelia Berryman	16 Years!	08-12-2000
Jeff and Julie Schertz	14 Years!	08-09-2002
Claudio and Justina Cruz	12 Years!	08-11-2004
Marcial and Florencia Trejo	12 Years!	08-14-2004
Fred and Danielle Yonker	10 Years!	08-12-2006
Toby and Jody Crookshanks	8 Years!	08-08-2008
Brian and Barbara Hall	8 Years!	08-09-2008
Josh and Mary Srader	3 Years!	08-10-2013

School of Religion/Youth Ministry

Volunteer Opportunities

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

Uplift Cooks! Anyone who would like to help prepare a meal for the homeless is welcome to join our team on the 4th Monday of each month at 10am in the gym. We recommend that you bring a good cutting knife, vegetable peeler and can opener. Our next cooking date is August 28th.

Harvesters! This local food bank provides food to needy families around the KC area. Volunteers are needed to help sort food donations and pack weekend food bags for kids in our community. We will be taking a group of 5 people on the third Thursday of each month. Our next date is August 18, 6-8pm. If you would like to volunteer, call or email Kirstie in the Youth Office.

Community Meals Lord of Love Lutheran Church offers a free meal to the community each Wednesday. Every third Wednesday of the month St. Sabina volunteers help prepare, serve and clean up in an effort to work together with other Christians to carry out Christ's work. Our next volunteer date is August 17. Contact Berenice Zayas in the parish office for more information or to sign up. Phone: 816-979-3150 or email: berenice@stsabinaparish.org.

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

Parish School of Religion (PSR)

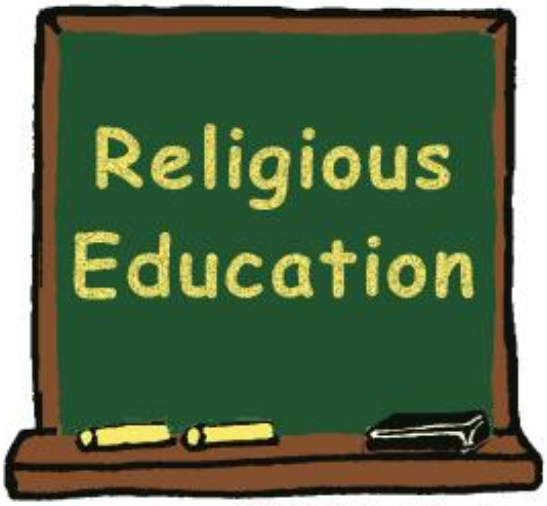
The next PSR school year will begin on Sunday, September 18. PSR registration forms will be available beginning the weekend of August 7. Stay tuned!

PSR Teachers Meeting!

All teachers are invited to a brief meeting to review the upcoming school year and see what changes we will be doing to improve our program. Please attend August 28th, 9-10:10am in English and 11am-12:10pm in Spanish.

Peer Ministers!

All are invited to a planning session for our upcoming school year. If you have any amazing ideas for a meeting or small ideas that need help, bring them!! We will meet on September 11th at 2:30pm. Plan to be here for at least 2 hours.



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Stewardship

"Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your belongings and give alms. Provide money bags for yourselves that do not wear out, an inexhaustible treasure in heaven that no thief can reach nor moth destroy. For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.'"
Luke 12: 32-34

We often speak about how important faith in the Lord is, but we also need to understand that He has a strong element of faith and trust in us as well. It may not seem fair that expectations are connected to the gifts we have received, but that is in fact reality. A popular stewardship saying is "not equal giving but equal sacrifice." That goes hand in hand with what the Lord is trying to teach us in the Parable of the Faithful Servant in today's Gospel. First, of course, we must recognize our gifts and that we are gifted. Then God's expectations of us are tied to how we use our gifts. If we receive more, we need to share more and give more of our time, our talent, and our treasure. Also in the Gospel of Luke in an earlier chapter we learn from the Lord what the rewards are for using God's plentiful gifts as good stewards. Jesus says in Luke 6:38 "Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you." — See more at www.catholicsteward.com/blog/

July 31 Contributions

Envelopes/Sobres:	$11,067.29
Plate/Canasta:	$ 815.25
Maintenance-Upkeep:	$ 1,282.65

Cross Catholic Outreach - Aug 6-7

We welcome Fr. Hugh Duffy of Cross Catholic Outreach who is speaking this weekend at all the Masses on behalf of the poor in developing countries. This ministry was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America. Please be generous in your response to Father's appeal. Brochures will be provided if you wish to support this worthy Catholic ministry.

Green Team Tip of the Week

Learn more about how you can help butterflies, especially the Monarch, at Powell Gardens Festival of Butterflies 9am – 5pm Aug 5-7 and Aug 12-14. www.powellgardens.org

El Salvador Scholarship Student, Guadalupe

Guadalupe Beatriz Lopez Diaz lives in a small community outside of Cinquera, called San Nicolas. She is 22 years old and she attends the Lutheran University in San Salvador. She is currently in her 2nd year of study and she is majoring in Public Accounting. She entered the scholarship program in 2015 and she is expected to graduate in 2020.

Guadalupe has classes on Fridays from 4pm-7:20pm and on Saturday from 7am-3:30pm. She leaves her home in Cinquera each Friday at noon for the 4 hour bus ride to San Salvador. After a weekend of classes, she arrives home each Sunday at noon.

Guadalupe's family makes its living by farming. Her home is built of a mixture of materials with an outhouse. The family has access to potable water and the house has electricity.

Guadalupe lives with her mother and father, her 20 year old sister, Carolina, her 18 year old brother, Franco, her 15 year old sister, Cintia, her 10 year old sister, Daniela, and her 3 year old twin brother and sister, Brayan and Dayana.

Guadalupe was involved in the community project of cleaning the hostel, restaurant, and ecological forest reserve in Cinquera. She also works with the youth in the community of San Nicolas.

Guadalupe's major challenges have been with the delinquency of the youth associated with the gangs and the violence in the country. Transportation is a real burden for her as she has to walk 3 km alone at night.

To donate to our El Salvador Scholarship fund, please visit our website at www.stsabinaparish.org and click on online giving.

Reflection on the Readings

The gospel reading has Jesus challenge all of us with the statement "For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." Today's readings center on the meaning of this challenge. Is it true that where our treasure is, that is where our time, talent, energies and attention will be? Experience often affirms that such is the case. If so, then is it not incumbent upon us to make sure that the treasure we seek is a lasting treasure that will never fade or vanish? In today's readings this treasure is brought to light and clarified for our benefit.

Psalm 33 affirms the reality that "Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own." God has chosen us as his treasure, placing his heart and whole being upon us. "The eyes of the Lord are upon those who fear him, upon those who hope for his kindness." We are indeed blessed when we place all our hope and trust in the Lord.. The readings help us define our response to God's choice of us.

God has chosen us and called us into relationship. We can choose to respond to that relationship or not. If we choose to respond, then we are saying that we are choosing God as our treasure, placing our heart and all our being upon God. Such a relationship calls forth responsibilities and duties from each party. God continues to promise care and concern, preserving and delivering us through the many "pass overs" of life. God asks us to trust, have faith, believe and rely totally on God, and on nothing else. We can be assured of God's constant fidelity. What about our vigilance, faithfulness, and preparedness in responding to God's voice in whatever life brings?

The readings offer us a vast array of people who model for us what we should be about in our relationship with God. The Jewish people in the first reading from Wisdom were forewarned by God concerning the "Passover" night, giving them courage to undergo whatever was needed. They trusted God who called them into new paths, and had the courage to prepare themselves and respond as needed. Passover was established as a remembrance and a celebration of God's saving power exercised on behalf of the people

The second reading from Hebrews defines faith as "the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen." Abraham and Sarah are presented as exemplary models of faith. Both had deep faith in God, trusting God even when it seemed utterly ridiculous or impossible to hope for anything. Because they trusted and placed their heart on God, they were blessed by God who became their treasure.

Luke's gospel recounts several parables enjoining Jesus' disciples to fidelity, vigilance, preparedness and concern for others, as they await the return of a delayed master. The everyday demands of life provide all sorts of opportunity for us to exercise faith and hope in the Lord, along with concern for others. The challenges of life call for decisions that will either attune us more deeply to God, or lead us to choose things that would distance us from God. If we are not vigilant in our choices and decision making, we could end up with treasure that is not lasting and merely passing. Being in relationship with God demands vigilance, fidelity, preparedness and concern for others. This is what God desires and this is where our true lasting treasure resides.

Reflect on how attuned you are in responding to God's invitation to be in relationship? Is God indeed where your treasure is? Are vigilance, fidelity, preparedness and concern for others part of your daily exercises? Pray for help to make it so.

Biagio Mazza,
Pastoral Associate

Readings

Sunday, August 7
1st Reading: Wisdom 18:6-9
Psalm: Psalm 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 (12b)
2nd Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19
Gospel: Luke 12:32-48

Sunday, August 14
1st Reading: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10
Psalm: Psalm 40:2, 3, 4, 18 (14b)
2nd Reading: Hebrews 12:1-4
Gospel: Luke 12:49-53

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 August 28th and September 11th 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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Reflexión Sobre las Lecturas

En la lectura del Evangelio Jesús desafía a todos con la afirmación "Porque donde esté su tesoro, ahí estará su corazón." Las lecturas de hoy se centran en el significado de este desafío. ¿Es cierto que donde está nuestro tesoro, es donde estará nuestro tiempo, talento, energías y atención? Muchas veces la experiencia afirma que tal es el caso. Si es así, entonces no es de nuestra incumbencia asegurarnos de que el tesoro que buscamos es un tesoro duradero que nunca se desvanecerá o desaparecerá? En las lecturas de hoy este tesoro está sacado a la luz y la clarificado para nuestro beneficio.

El Salmo 33 afirma la realidad de que "Dichoso el pueblo que el Señor se escogió como heredad." Dios nos ha elegido como su tesoro, poniendo su corazón y todo su ser sobre nosotros. "Los ojos del Señor están puestos en sus fieles, en los que esperan su misericordia." De verdad estamos bendecidos cuando ponemos toda nuestra esperanza y confianza en el Señor. Las lecturas nos ayudan a definir nuestra respuesta a la elección de Dios que somos nosotros.

Dios nos ha elegido y nos ha llamado a una relación. Podemos optar por responder a esa relación o no. Si elegimos responder, entonces decimos que estamos eligiendo a Dios como nuestro tesoro, colocando nuestro corazón y todo nuestro ser en Dios. Tal relación suscita responsabilidades y obligaciones de cada parte. Dios continúa prometiendo su cuidado y preocupación, preservándonos y entregándonos a través de las muchas "liberaciones" de la vida. Dios nos pide que confiemos, tengamos fe, creamos y dependamos totalmente en Dios, y en nada más. Podemos estar seguros de la fidelidad constante de Dios. ¿Y que de nuestra vigilancia, fidelidad, y preparación para responder a la voz de Dios en lo que sea que trae la vida?

Las lecturas nos ofrecen una amplia gama de personas que modelan para nosotros lo que debemos ser en nuestra relación con Dios. El pueblo judío en la primera lectura de la Sabiduría fue advertido por Dios en cuanto a la noche de la "liberación pascual", dándole el valor para someterse a lo que fuera necesario. Confiaron en Dios quien los llamó a nuevos caminos, y tuvieron el valor para prepararse y responder según sea necesario. La Pascua Judía fue establecida como un recuerdo y una celebración del poder salvador de Dios ejercido en nombre del pueblo.

La segunda lectura de Hebreos define la fe como "la forma de poseer, ya desde ahora, lo que se espera y de conocer las realidades que no se ven." Se presentan a Abraham y a Sara como modelos ejemplares de la fe. Ambos tenían una fe profunda en Dios, confiando en Dios aun cuando parecía completamente ridícula o imposible esperar algo. Porque confiaron y pusieron su corazón en Dios, fueron bendecidos por Dios que se convirtió en su tesoro.

El Evangelio de Lucas relata varias parábolas ordenando a los discípulos de Jesús a la fidelidad, la vigilancia, la preparación y la preocupación por los demás, mientras esperan el regreso de un maestro atrasado. Las demandas cotidianas de la vida proporcionan muchas oportunidades para que ejerzamos la fe y la esperanza en el Señor, junto con la preocupación por los demás. Los desafíos de la vida exigen decisiones que, o bien nos sintonizan más profundamente a Dios, o nos llevan a elegir las cosas que nos distancian de Dios. Si no estamos atentos en nuestras elecciones y la toma de decisiones, podríamos terminar con un tesoro que no es duradero y se limita a pasar. Al estar en relación con Dios demanda la vigilancia, fidelidad, preparación y preocupación por los demás. Esto es lo que Dios desea y es aquí donde reside nuestro verdadero tesoro duradero.

Reflexione sobre que tan sintonizado está en la respuesta a la invitación de Dios de estar en relación. ¿Es verdad que Dios donde está tu tesoro? Son la vigilancia, la fidelidad, la preparación y la preocupación por los demás parte de sus ejercicios diarios? Ore para la ayuda para que sea así.

Biagio Mazza
Asociado Pastoral

Lecturas

Lecturas del Domingo, 7 de Agosto
Primera Lectura: Sabiduría 18:6-9
Salmo: Salmo 33:1 y 12, 18-19, 20 y 22
Segunda Lectura: Hebreos 11:1-2, 8-19
Evangelio: Lucas 12:32-48

Lecturas del Domingo, 14 de Agosto
Primera Lectura: Jeremías 38:4-6, 8-10
Salmo: Salmo 40:2, 3, 4, 18
Segunda Lectura: Hebreos 12:1-4
Evangelio: Lucas 12:49-53

Ministerio Juvenil/Información Local

IV Conferencia Anual Diocesana de Jovenes Hispanos Adolescentes - Witnesses to His Mercy

(Tito 3:4-5)

Este es un evento anual diocesano bilingüe para jóvenes adolescentes hispanos que estén en High School, y tengan la edad de 14 a 18 años. Durante el evento, los participantes pueden fortalecer su experiencia de fe con Jesús a través de charlas y talleres sobre formación, liturgia, oración y alabanza, sacramentos, fraternidad y actividades lúdicas. El objetivo de la conferencia es enriquecer la fe de los jóvenes hispanos así como su identidad católica cultural hispana y puedan dar razón de su fe. Es también una oportunidad pastoral para invitar a los jóvenes a participar en los programas diocesanos y parroquiales para jóvenes.

Fecha: Sábado, Agosto 13, 2016 Hora: 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Lugar: Archbishop O'Hara High School – 9001 James A. Reed Rd, Kansas City, MO 64138

Costo: $35 por persona en pre-venta y $40 en la entrada del evento. Incluye comidas y refrescos. Ofrecemos un descuento para hermanos.

Quienes pueden participar? Jóvenes adolescentes hispanos que estén en High School, y tengan la edad de 14 a 18 años - Pueden registrarse en sus parroquias llenando el formato de registro y autorización. Este es obligatorio.

Los padres de familia deben asistir a las 4:30 pm al lugar del evento para una catequesis sobre La Misericordia en la Familia.

La Santa Misa será celebrada a las 6:00 pm por nuestro Reverendo Obispo James Johnston en la Parroquia St. John Francis Regis, 8941 James A. Reed Rd, Kansas City, MO 64138.

Contacto: Edith Montes – emontes@diocesekcsj.org or 816.482.6906/816. 714.2350 Website: http://ministerio.diocese-kcsj.org/ link: jóvenes hispanos.

Concierto Diocesano Hispano - Año de la Misericordia

Fecha: Viernes Agosto 12, 2016

Hora: 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Lugar: Parroquia Sagrado Corazón-Guadalupe – 2544 Madison Ave, Kansas City, MO 64108

Actividades: Santa Misa, Enseñanza, Adoración Eucarística, confesiones y Concierto. Sesión para jóvenes adultos.

Costo: $30 por persona (Incluye un platillo de $5). Quienes pueden participar? Jóvenes Hispanos Adultos, 19 a 33 años, y Adultos (No habrá cuidado de niños). Pueden registrarse online, con los coordinadores de Ministerio Hispano/Movimientos Apostólicos o en la parroquia el día del evento.

Contacto: Miguel Salazar – msalazar@diocesekcsj.org or 765.437.0853.

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.

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 https://kcsjcatholic.org/the-office-of-child-and-youth-protection/

Clases de Catecismo! Las clases de Catecismo comenzarán el Domingo, 18 de Septiembre. Hojas para registrar estarán disponibles empezando el 7 de Agosto. Manténgase en sintonía para mas información.

Reunión de Maestros del Catecismo!

Todos los catequistas están invitados a una breve reunión para revisar el próximo año escolar y ver qué cambios se hará para mejorar nuestro programa. Por favor, asiste el 28 de agosto de 9-10:10 en Inglés y 11 -12:10 en Español.

Ministros Jóvenes!

Todos están invitados a una sesión de planificación para nuestro próximo año escolar. Si tiene algunas ideas sorprendentes para una reunión o pequeñas ideas que necesitan ayuda, tráelas!! Nos reuniremos el 11 de septiembre a las 2:30 pm. Planea estar aquí por lo menos 2 horas.

Corresponsabilidad/Información Parroquial

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Te quiere,
Rosa

La Corresponsabilidad Vivida Ahora

Escribe en tu calendario una vez al día algo por lo que estás agradecido. Revisa tus apuntes al final del mes. Repite esta acción.

Talleres de Oración y Vida

Comienza el miércoles, 17 de agosto del 2016, de 7 a 9 de la noche en el cuarto Juan Diego. Participantes aprenderán 14 diferentes maneras de orar.

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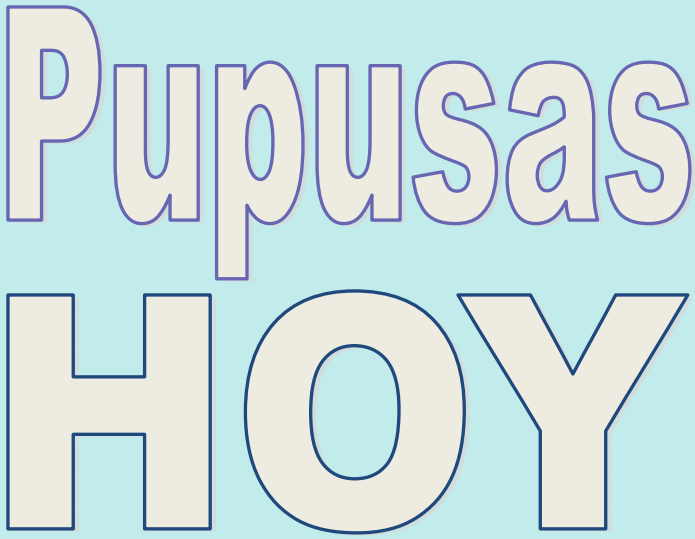
Por eso decimos con pleno convencimiento que los Talleres do Oración y Vida son una respuesta al mundo de hoy. El Taller es gratuito, solamente es el costo del material de $12. No se requiere pre-registración, pero esto ayudara a saber la cantidad de material necesaria para todos los participantes. Favor de comunicarse con Arturo González al teléfono 817-807-0494 o al arturotovusa@hotmail.com, o Raul Felix a 816-309-1919. Para mas información acerca de los TOV, visite nuestro sitio de internet a www.tovpil.org.

Platicas Matrimoniales - 10 y 17 de Septiembre

Platicas Matrimoniales ofrecerán los sábados, 10 y 17 de Septiembre a las 10am-3pm en el cuarto de conferencia en el abajo del templo chico. Todas las parejas necesitan asistir los dos platicas. Para mas información, llame Martina y Abelardo Arreola a 816-269-4956 o Kris a 816-979-3151.

Venta de Pupusas—7 de Agosto

El domingo 7 de Agosto nuestra Comunidad Salvadoreña venderá pupusas después de las Misas. Una pupusa es un plato tradicional Salvadoreño hecha de una tortilla de maíz gruesa que normalmente está rellena de variaciones de queso, carne de cerdo y frijoles refritos. Habrán muestras de prueba para que pueda comprar su variedad favorita. El costo será de $2 cada una y se puede comprar para llevar. Todos los fondos recaudados serán utilizados para nuestra Celebración de Romero en Marzo.



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