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Remember, Renew, Rejoice...

Pictured, Erica, Abigail, Rose, Andrew, Ryan, Jack, Patrick and Cecilia carry up the gifts at 10:30 Mass.

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

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Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time **September 15, 2019**

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Intentions for September 16-20, 2019

Mon.	8am	Communion Service
Tues.	6pm	†Bob Cummings
		†Pablo José Zayas
Wed.	10am	Intentions of John Jongenelen
		Intentions of Dale Davis
		(Foxwood Springs)
Thurs.	8am	Communion Service
Fri.	8am	Communion Service

Saturday, September 21, 2019

4:00pm †John P Ryan

Sunday, September 22, 2019

8:00am †Paul DeMar
10:30am †Viola Burns
12:30pm Spanish †Jesus Felix Sr
†Sabas Valle

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

†David Dawes, brother of Anita Armstrong

Calendar/Information

Sunday, September 15 - Domingo, 15 de Septiembre

9:00am	PSR
9:00am	Parents Lounge
11:00am	Escuela de Religión
11:00am	Ensayo del Coro Hispano
7:00pm	Confirmation and High School Youth Group

Monday, September 16 - Lunes, 16 de Septiembre

6:30pm	Cub Scout Den Meeting
7:00pm	Boy Scouts

Tuesday, September 17 - Martes, 17 de Septiembre

7:00pm	Reunión de Coordinadores de PCC
7:00pm	Living Stones
7:00pm	Talleres de Oración y Vida

Wednesday, September 18 - Miércoles, 18 de Septiembre

9:00am	Legion of Mary
10:00am	Mass at Foxwood Springs
7:00pm	Boy Scouts Religious Emblem Class
7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal (4:00 and 10:30 groups)
7:00pm	Junior High Youth Group
7:00pm	Knights First Degree

Thursday, September 19 - Jueves, 19 de Septiembre

6:45am	Youth Donuts and Prayer
9:30am	Piecemakers Quilt Group
7:00pm	Love Thy Neighbor Meeting
7:00pm	RCIA—RICA
8:00pm	Choir Practice (8:00 group)

Friday, September 20 - Viernes, 20 de Septiembre

No Scheduled Events

Saturday, September 21 - Sábado, 21 de Septiembre

Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament

Beans and Rice Collection—Colecta de Arroz y Frijoles

7:30am	Raymore Festival in the Park Parade
3:00pm	Confessions

Sunday, September 22 - Domingo, 22 de Septiembre

Beans and Rice Collection—Colecta de Arroz y Frijoles

9:00am	PSR/PSR Lector Mini Camp
9:00am	Parents Lounge
10:30am	Bible Study
11:00am	Escuela de Religión/Entrenamiento de Lectores Jóvenes
11:00am	Ensayo del Coro Hispano
2:00pm	Protecting God's Children
6:00pm	Ensayo de Matachines

Raymore Parade - September 21

The Raymore Festival in the Park will take place on Saturday, September 21st and St. Sabina will have a group walking in the parade. Those wishing to walk with our group are asked to meet at 7:30am at Recreation Park, 1011 S. Madison, Raymore. The parade begins at 9am. Please look for our 75th banner and join us as we continue to celebrate our 75th anniversary! For questions, please contact Bridget in the parish office at 816-331-4713, or Anita Frey of our Parents Lounge group at afreyhome@sbcglobal.net.

Opioid, Substance Abuse & Addiction Seminar

On Thursday, October 17, 2019, St. Joseph Medical Center will host a seminar presented by DiAnn Ecret, a nurse and ethicist, from 8:45am - 4:15pm. Sessions cover the topics of

- Anatomy of Substance Use Disorders, Dependency, and Addiction
- Decisional Capacity; The Ethics of Informed Consent
- Faith Based Response, Stigma, Shame, Sin, and Human Vulnerability
- Learning to Assess Capacity for Consent
- Case Studies, Questions, and Open Discussion

The seminar will take place in the Alex George Auditorium of St. Joseph Medical Center. To register, email stjosephandstmaryeducation@gmail.com.

Bow Ties for Babies

Have you or do you know someone who may be pregnant and know their baby will die during pregnancy or soon after birth due to an adverse prenatal diagnosis, or has a newborn and has received a terminal diagnosis? Or are you a family who has experienced an unexpected loss of a child due to miscarriage, fetal demise, stillbirth, SIDS, or any cause? There is a place in Kansas City known as Alexandra's House and offers healing and support for parents and families, free of charge, during pregnancy and after the death of a child. To help support this nonprofit and its services, the Friends of Alexandra's House hosts a gala called Bow Ties for Babies. This year's event will be held on Friday, October 4 at the The Venue in Leawood with a silent and live auction and dinner. Tickets are $150 per person. For more information call 913-486-9788. You may register to attend, donate, or submit an item that you would like to donate for the auction at bidpal.net/bowtiesforbabies. Visit www.alexandrashouse.com to learn more about this special ministry.

Baptism Congratulations

Abigail Rose O'Hanlon, daughter of Ryan and Erica O'Hanlon

Information

Save the Date—Fall Retreat

The St. Sabina Altar Society invites all members of the parish to participate in a retreat they will be sponsoring, with the help of Biagio Mazza, who will be facilitating.

Happy Harvest—Do Small Things With Great Love!
October 26, 2019
8:30am-Noon

For more information, contact Jan Stellla at 816-786-0754 or jstella@kc.rr.com.

St. Sabina's Recycling Bin

After the recent elimination of Belton curbside recycling, our parish bin has become increasingly difficult to maintain. Not only have we become the drop off point for many Belton residents, but the recycling service company has yet again raised our rates to a point that is no longer sustainable by the Green Team. We have decided the best solution is to remove our co-mingle bin from the parking lot for the time being. Perhaps we can begin again in the future, especially if a new option becomes available in Belton.

The Green Team hopes to come up with a way that the parish itself (staff and teachers) will be able to continue to recycle our parish items. Please contact the city of Belton for a list of drop off locations for your recyclables. If they hear from many of our citizens, maybe recycling will become a higher priority for them. Thank you. – St. Sabina Green Team

This Week's Do You Know Video:

The tall, large candle that is placed near the baptismal pool in church is known as the Easter, the Paschal or the Christ Candle. Blessed anew each year at the Easter vigil fire, it represents Christ, the light of the world, who has overcome sin and death, dispelled the darkness, and now, as the Risen Christ, offers light, victory and hope to all the world. Processed into a darkened church to the chant of "Christ our Light", we chant a rejoice song called the Exsultet, rejoicing in Christ, the light of the world, represented by the lit and blessed Christ candle. Make time to view this week's DYK video and immerse yourself in the powerful symbolism of our Easter Candle.

Missouri Catholic Conference Annual Assembly

The Catholic Bishops of Missouri invite you to attend the Annual Assembly of the Missouri Catholic Conference on Saturday, October 5th, in Jefferson City. Come learn about public policy from the experts who are involved in advocacy on a daily basis. The theme of this year's gathering is "Raising the Next Generation of Catholic Advocates." The event is free and includes lunch and childcare for children above four years of age. A youth track is available for students in middle school and up and includes a mock legislature where students can debate bills on the floor of the Missouri Senate. To register for the event, go to MOCatholic.org.

happy birthday

Corey Alston
Maria Arroyo
Julio Arroyo
Nancy Ballenger
Debbie Barker
Juan Basurto
Wesson Becker
Elaine Becker
Alexander Berkovich
Sophia Biondo
Katie Butscher
Betty Byerly
Par Castaneda
Claudio Cruz
Sara Del Valle
Joshua Durham
Ana Flores
Jayden Flores
Glenda Foster
Mickel Foster
Kathleen Gebauer
Alejandra Gomez
Evelyn Gonzalez
Everly Goulding
Garrett Griggs
Aiden Haberstroh
Connie Hagemann
Emily Harshner
Dawn Hartsock
Mary Henkhaus
Kyle Henkhaus
Michelle Hernandez
Daina Hinojos
Rafael Hinojos, Jr.
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Caleb Jergensen
Madison Knight
Cooper Krezek
Jose Lagunes
Roberto Landa
Nicolas Lewis
Ernesto Lopez
Juan Lopez Jr.
Megan Loveless
Armando Mancia
Mercy Marquez
Arleen Martinez
Miranda McClish
Stephanie Medina
Betty Metzler
Alex Michiels
Melany Moreno
Robert Morris
Erica O'Hanlon
Jasmine Orozco
Jessica Orozco
Juan Osorio Jr
Jesus Pantoja
Megan Radcliffe
Diana Ramirez
Matthew Ranes
Aaron Ratigan
Brian Ratigan
Hannah Ratigan
Kivan Rivera
Antonio Rivera
Angel Rocha
Maria Rodriguez
Gloria Romero
Dayton Rule
Asaf San German
Ana Sanchez
Avery Schaeffer
Gail Schmidt
Lucy Shopper
Russell Sirocka
Eric Spiller
Charles Stewart
Patty Swiatek
Demi Thurber
Elvia Torres
Perla Torres
Sixto Varela
Marcia Washam
Adam Weeks
Arthur Zeitelhack

Happy Anniversary

Dick and Anita Armstrong	56 Years!	9/21/1963
Arthur and Patricia Zeitelhack	56 Years!	9/21/1963
John and Joyce Giacone	45 Years!	9/21/1974
Doug and Vicki Strope	40 Years!	9/21/1979
James and Kathleen Wilson	37 Years!	9/18/1982
Robert and Pamela Miller	28 Years!	9/21/1991
Michel and Kristie Michiels	20 Years!	9/19/1999
Rodney and Sharon Stoverink	19 Years!	9/16/2000
Randy and Anita Frey	18 Years!	9/22/2001
Jesse and Jamie Duncan	12 Years!	9/22/2007
John and Nicole Strickland	11 Years!	9/20/2008
Michael Walter and Tara Wedemeyer	10 Years!	9/16/2009
John and Genoveva Driscoll	10 Years!	9/17/2009
Steven and Ashley Cisetti	6 Years!	9/21/2013

Pastoral Care

Nursing Home Mass Schedule

Sept 18	10:00am	Foxwood Springs
Sept 25	No Mass or Communion Service	
Oct 2	10:30am	Beautiful Savior (Communion Service)

Are You a Compassionate Person? Consider Ministry to the Homebound.

At St. Sabina there are many dedicated Eucharistic Ministers who visit our brothers and sisters confined to their homes or care facilities because of illness or advanced years. These Special Ministers to the Sick and Homebound help ensure the homebound remain connected to the Church and Sacraments. We provide in home visits with Communion and Communion to the Catholics in care facilities and senior living facilities in Northern Cass County and Belton Regional Hospital. If you are interested and would like more information, contact Marta Roper at 816-979-3154 or marta@stsabinaparish.org.

Is Your Marriage Struggling?

The ***Retrouvaille Program*** helps couples struggling in their marriage to put the pieces back together and rebuild loving relationships. It is a Christian program, Catholic in origin, and couples of all faiths or no faith background are encouraged to attend. It is primarily a practical program about improving communications, building a stronger marriage, and helping couples rediscover the love they had for each other. The next ***Retrouvaille*** weekend at Savior Pastoral Center is October 25-27. For more information please call 1-800-470-2230.

Prayer Requests/Peticiones de Oración

Anna Anderson
Jean Berg
John Bidondo
Mary Pat Biondo
Betty Bremenkamp
George Bremer
Maxine Bremer
Roger Brown
Sheila Brown
Joyce Callahan
Marge Campbell
John Caoile
John Cikan
Steve Circo
Joseph Coots
Nolan Dickerson
Barry Dougherty
Irene Down
Paula Dull
Judy Giannini
Kelly Hall
Terry Eppert
Connie Firner
Jean Frank
Butch Geer
Cathy Hall
Kelly Hall
Cherie Hatfield
Beth Heide
Alex Henningsen
Morgan Hilliard
Richard Hoedl
Gale Holsman
John Jongenelen
Kathy Keary
Jack King
Don Kueck
Paulina Lemautu
Darrell Littler
Baby Long
Ray Malisos
Cullen Manser
Janet Moorman
Robert Morris
Mona Neighbors
Mike Nichols
Bogumila Oczko
Ezequil Olarte
George Panebianco
Monica Peek
Nora Placencia
Diane Quinn
Sherman Ragsdale
Larry Rhodes
Michelle Rose
Anna Ryan
Lorena Sandozal
Patricia Santana
Ron Schock
Liz Selleck
Jaxton Shipley
Lois Simpson
Don Standley
Terri Standley
Amalie Steinspring
Charles Stinger II
Marie Stinger
Juanita Stockton
Lois Stogsdill
Kayla Stone
Rita Stout
Willow Szczygiel
Jean Tate
Joe Taylor
Angel Thomas
Bruce Thompson
Priscilla Tristani
Richard Vogel
Dani Wagner
Mary Westfall
Carmitia Yust

Wellness Center

Did You Know- Running and walking are among the purest, most natural forms of exercise around. With newfangled innovations like Freon-filled midsoles and pump-it-up tongues, it's difficult to know which shoes to buy. Choose the wrong athletic shoes and you could end up lying on the couch nursing shin splints or aching heels instead of enjoying a brisk walk or run. Here are a few tips to get to the right fit.

- **Don't make shoes multitask**. Walking shoes are stiffer; running shoes are more flexible, with extra cushioning to handle greater impact. If you do both activities, get a pair for each.
- **Know your feet and measure your feet frequently.** We all have 10 toes and two heels, but beyond that, feet come in a variety of shapes and knowing your foot's particular quirks is key to selecting the right pair of shoes. It's a myth that foot size doesn't change in adults. It does change as we get older, so have your feet measured twice a year. Sizes also vary between brands, so go by what fits, not by the shoe size.
- **Shop toward the end of the day.** Feet swell over the course of the day; they also expand while you run or walk, so shoes should fit your feet when they're at their largest.
- **Bring your own socks** -- the ones you wear while running or walking. If you wear orthotics, bring those, too. Shoes need to fit with the orthotic inside.
- **Don't over- or underpay.** Good-quality running and walking shoes are fairly pricey -- and usually worth it. A $15-shoe will not be as good as an $80-shoe. But you'll pay a premium for super-fashionable styles or those associated with a celebrity and they won't be any better for your feet.
- **Know when to replace them.** The average pair of running shoes should be replaced after about 350-400 miles of use. Once the back of the sole is worn out or the shoe feels uncomfortable or less supportive, it's time to take those tootsies shopping again.

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Stewardship

AmazonSmile Donations

Have you heard of AmazonSmile? We are now a charity listed on AmazonSmile, which allows us to receive a 0.5% donation on all of your eligible Amazon purchases at no extra cost to you. To support us in this way, be sure to do your Amazon shopping through smile.amazon.com and select "St. Sabina Catholic Church, Belton" as your charity of choice.

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.

Knights Golf Tournament - September 21

Come play golf and join the fun at the Knights of Columbus 18th Annual Paul Vargo Golf Tournament at Eagles Landing Golf Course in Belton on Saturday, September 21, 2019. It's only $80, which includes green fees, cart, lunch, BBQ buffet dinner, golf prizes and contests. If you don't play golf, be a sponsor ($30 cart or $125 hole). All proceeds will benefit the Missouri Special Olympics, St. Sabina Youth Ministry, Lord of Love Community Meals and the St. Sabina El Salvador Scholarship Fund.

Last year we donated money to Missouri Special Olympics, St. Sabina Youth Ministry, and Veterans Community Project (Tiny Homes). Please mail your check payable to Knights of Columbus for golf or sponsor to Bob Coshun, 310 Monroe Ave., Belton, MO 64012. Questions, please call Bob at 816-304-0570. **Thanks in advance for your support.**

Christmas in October—October 12

It is nearly autumn and that means that our Christmas in October service day is coming up. This year it will be held on Saturday, October 12th. We need carpenters, electricians, plumbers, painters, yard workers, and anyone who just wants to assist folks who need help maintaining their homes. You may sign up in the gathering space of the church, by contacting the parish office, or by calling Chuck Stinger at 816.868.7323. If you are going to sign up, please do so early because that will give us a better idea of how many households we can help out.

Contributions for September 1

Envelopes/Sobres:	$11,319.00
Plate/Canasta:	$ 1,347.86
Maintenance-Upkeep:	$ 2,203.80

Contributions for September 8

Envelopes/Sobres:	$12,990.00
Plate/Canasta:	$ 1,073.00
Maintenance-Upkeep:	$ 1,626.37

Volunteer Appreciation Reception

On October 10, 2019 at 6pm the parish will host a volunteer recognition reception including drinks and appetizers. All volunteers of the parish are welcome to attend, however, you must RSVP for this event. Please give Kris a call or send her an email if you can attend. We are immensely grateful for all our volunteers who so selflessly give of their time and talent and hope you can attend so we can express our gratitude! 816-979-3151 or kris@stsabinaparish.org.

"What man among you having a hundred sheep and losing one of them would not leave the ninety-nine in the desert and go after the lost one until he finds it? And when he does find it, he sets it on his shoulders with great joy and, upon his arrival home, he calls together his friends and neighbors and says to them, 'Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.'"

Luke 15: 4-6

Jesus gives us several poignant illustrations of His merciful love in today's Gospel reading from Luke. Let us focus on one in particular — the story of the lost sheep. He asks, "What man among you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them would not leave the ninety-nine… and go after the lost one until he finds it?" The logical response is no one! It simply does not make sense to spend time and energy searching for one lost sheep when there are so many others to tend to. But God's logic — God's mercy — defies human logic. And who is the lost one? It is every one of us when we stray away from God through sin, great or small. What gratitude we owe to such a personal, passionate, loving God! Just think, even our sins, once forgiven, become a source of fuel for our stewardship way of life as we reflect with deep gratitude on the powerful mercy of our Savior. — See more at www.catholicsteward.com/blog/

Stewardship

Rice and Beans Collection

On the weekends of September 21-22 and September 28-29, we will be collecting dried beans and rice to help migrant farmworkers. While the migrant farmworkers are in need of beans and rice, there are many other items that they need. Please see below for a complete listing and bring any donations to the gathering space on the weekends of September 22 and 29.

- New Backpacks
- Brown paper grocery bags
- Reusable cloth grocery bags
- White Rice (not instant)
- Pinto Beans (dry)
- Spanish language children's books (new or gently used)
- Children's board books
- Clean blankets
- Children's winter coats and sweatshirts
- Baseball caps
- Natural Tears eye drops
- Sunblock (SPF 30+)
- Bandanas
- Ziploc bags (Quart & Gallon size only)
- Disposable Diapers (sizes 4,5,6)

Catholic Charities Annual Gala

Catholic Charities is hosting their annual benefit gala on Saturday, November 9th at the Muehlebach Hotel in Kansas City. While tables are normally $2,500, Catholic Charities is offering our parish a discounted rate of $1000 for a table of ten. If you would be interested in attending, please contact Kris in the parish office at 816-979-3151 or kris@stsabinaparish.org.

Pupusa Sale - October 12

Our Romero Committee will have a pupusa sale on Sunday, October 12. A pupusa is a thick stuffed tortilla which is grilled. Each pupusa is $2 and we will have 4 varieties available:

- beans and cheese
- beans, cheese and pork
- cheese
- cheese and zucchini

You can purchase pupusas after Masses. Or if you'd like to avoid the wait, stop at our table on your way to Mass to place your order. All proceeds will be used to support our scholarship students in Cinquera, El Salvador.

Retirement Plan Assets

Plan your legacy – retirement plan assets

As Christian stewards, we share the responsibility of making our Church a true community of faith and a vibrant source of service to the larger community. This includes providing financial support for today's needs, and building a firm financial foundation for tomorrow.

Beneficiaries of your Retirement Plan Assets

A gift of all or a portion of your remaining assets from an IRA, 401(k), 403(b) or other retirement plan may be one of the smartest and least "expensive" ways to favor your parish, school, ministry or the Church. Very substantial sums are currently invested in retirement plans. For many people, their retirement plan may be the principal asset at the end of their life.

Tax Treatment

Taxable to your heirs

In addition to inheritance taxes if the balance is large (more than $11.2 million in 2018), if retirement plan assets pass to family members other than the spouse, the heir pays income tax on the value received. If a child is in the 22% tax bracket when he/she receives retirement plan assets from a parent, then a 22% tax will be levied on the receipt of these funds.

Tax free to your parish, school or other ministry

If you have other assets to provide for your heirs, giving assets from retirement accounts directly to your parish, school or other ministry can by-pass taxation. Moreover, these gifts can be accomplished quite easily. Most retirement fund managers provide "beneficiary designation forms" available through a website or by calling the manager of the funds. The proper legal name of your parish, **St. Sabina Catholic Church, Belton,** should be listed on the beneficiary designation form with a portion or amount of the fund to be designated for the benefit of the parish or ministry. **Please consult with your own attorney and other professional advisors regarding your personal tax and financial situation.**

Green Team Tip of the Week

Cash for cans! The Green Team collects the aluminum cans from events in the gym and sells them for scrap. Please use the bin labeled Aluminum only to help support our ministry.

Youth Ministry

PSR News

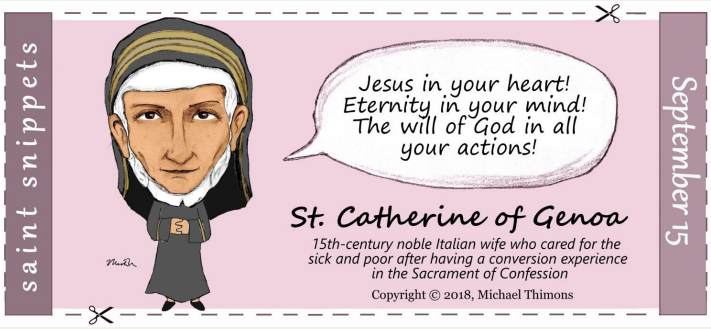
Children's Liturgy! PSR students are invited to volunteer as Lectors, Ushers, Gift Bearers and Greeters at a 10:30 mass each month. To help our students prepare for the role of Lector, we are having a Lector Mini Camp during PSR on September 22nd for the 4th through 6th grade classes. All students in 3rd grade and higher will be given the opportunity to sign up for the above roles at the Children's Liturgy masses.

Protecting God's Children We will host a PGC workshop in the Parish Hall on September 22nd at 2pm in English. This is required for all of our Peer Ministers, Adult Leadership team and any parent who would like to help as a chaperone in the coming year. Please contact Kirstie Roberts in the Youth Office if you would like to sign up for this workshop.

Youth News

High School Youth to the Renaissance Festival! On September 29th we will visit the Ren Fest for giant turkey legs, jousting and fire eating fun! We will leave St. Sabina at 12pm and return around 6pm. Ticket prices range from $20 to $23 depending on whether you purchase in advance on the kcrenfest website. Youth are responsible for advance purchase, coupons and/or purchase at the gate tickets. Permission forms are available on the website and in the Youth Office. Parent drivers and chaperones are needed for this event. Please contact Kirstie Roberts to sign up.

Junior & Senior High Youth to Worlds of Fun! We will be heading out for the Halloween Haunt at WOF on October 11th at 5pm and returning to the parish at 12:30am. Because we are traveling by bus, we ask that each youth chip in an extra $10 for transportation. Tickets can be purchased online or at the gate. Please let the youth office know if you have a group discount to share with some other kids. We will need at least 3 adult chaperones. Contact Kirstie if you would like to volunteer! You are welcome to bring one friend and everyone must have a permission slip!



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/

Reflection on the Readings

Pharisees and scribes complain that Jesus "welcomes sinners and eats with them." This context frames the three "lost" parables of Luke's gospel passage. The parables of the lost sheep, the lost coin and the lost son are examples of total extravagance, impractical love, and disproportionate attention paid to one thing at the possible loss of much more.

It makes little sense to go after one lost sheep, risking the loss of the other ninety-nine. It makes no sense to throw a big party for a son who was outrageously disrespectful and dissolute. **That is exactly the complaint of some of the Pharisees and scribes towards Jesus**. Why would Jesus waste his time with "sinners?" It seems such a waste of his time, attention and energy.

Jesus' response to the Pharisees and scribes concretely images our God as full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger, rich in faithful covenant love, and abundant in forgiveness. Such extravagance knows no bounds. **Our God is not caught up in judging and punishing, but is more focused on welcoming back, forgiving, and rejoicing in relationships restored and healed.**

We find this extremely difficult to understand because we often fail to put ourselves in the other person's shoes. **What if we were the one who was lost? How would we want to be treated?** But we are not sinners who have intentionally rejected God? Or are we? **Here is where the insights of the responsorial psalm, as well as the other readings, come into play.**

The refrain for Responsorial Psalm 51 asks us to identify ourselves with the wayward son who slowly realizes that his true home and security is with his loving father. **With the prodigal son we too come to this realization as we sing "I will rise and go to my father." The psalm verses ask us to declare to God that we are all sinners, in constant need of God's mercy, compassion and forgiveness**.

It is only in coming to such awareness about our true selves that we can begin to see our need for a God who is extravagantly generous in love, fidelity and compassion. Such a state of self-awareness brings us to our knees, asking for forgiveness and compassion, even when we know we do not deserve it.

In the first reading from Exodus, Moses challenges God's impulse to destroy the Israelites because of their infidelity and fickleness. Their actions manifest a forgetfulness of all that God has done for them. Moses reminds God that while perfectly justified in anger, the most cherished attributes of the God of the Israelites are forgiveness and compassion. **Unlike the Israelites, God can and does show care and compassion, most especially when undeserved**. God has always been faithful and compassionate, no matter how unfaithful the people have been. **God remains constant as the God of love and compassion.**

The first letter to Timothy reminds us that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Each one of us is a sinner. Pope Francis himself admits that he, like it rest of us, is a sinner. By manifesting compassion and forgiveness towards us, God continually re-establishes the loving bond with all creation initiated from the beginning of time. **Because of our special relationship to God through Jesus, we too, like Jesus, have been chosen by God to be ministers of compassion, forgiveness, reconciliation and love towards all we encounter.**

Reflect on how God has consistently reached out to you with extravagant love and compassion. **This week, walk a while in the shoes of those in need of forgiveness, compassion and love**. Note the times you have reached out to others with the same extravagant love and compassion that God has shown to you.

Biagio Mazza,
Pastoral Associate

Readings

Sunday, September 15
1st Reading: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14
Psalm: Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19 (Luke 15:18)
2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17
Gospel: Luke 15:1-32

Sunday, September 22
1st Reading: Amos 8:4-7
Psalm: Psalm 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 (see 1a, 7b)
2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8
Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

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 Sept 22 and Oct 13 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

Los fariseos y los escribas se quejan de que Jesús "recibe a los pecadores y come con ellos". Este contexto enmarca las tres parábolas de "perdidos" del pasaje del evangelio de Lucas. Las parábolas de la oveja perdida, la moneda perdida y el hijo perdido son ejemplos de extravagancia total, amor poco práctico y atención desproporcionada a una cosa por la posible pérdida de mucho más.

Tiene poco sentido ir tras una oveja perdida, arriesgando la pérdida de las otras noventa y nueve. No tiene sentido organizar una gran fiesta para un hijo que fue escandalosamente irrespetuoso y disoluto. **Esa es exactamente la queja de algunos de los fariseos y escribas hacia Jesús**. ¿Por qué Jesús desperdiciaría su tiempo con "pecadores"? Parece una pérdida de tiempo, atención y energía.

La respuesta de Jesús a los fariseos y los escribas representa concretamente a nuestro Dios como lleno de compasión y misericordia, lento para la ira, rico en amor fiel y abundante en el perdón. Tal extravagancia no conoce límites. **Nuestro Dios no está absorto en juzgar y castigar, pero está más enfocado en dar la bienvenida, perdonar y regocijarse en las relaciones restauradas y curadas.**

Nos resulta extremadamente difícil de entender porque a menudo no nos ponemos en el lugar de la otra persona. **¿Qué pasaría si fuéramos los perdidos? ¿Cómo nos gustaría ser tratados?** Pero no somos pecadores que hemos rechazado intencionalmente a Dios... ¿O somos? **Aquí es donde entran en juego las ideas del salmo responsorial, así como las otras lecturas.**

El estribillo del Salmo Responsorial 51 nos pide que nos identifiquemos con el hijo rebelde que poco a poco se da cuenta de que su verdadero hogar y seguridad está con su padre amoroso. **Con el hijo pródigo, nosotros también nos damos cuenta cuando cantamos "Me levantaré y volveré donde mi padre". Los versos del salmo nos piden que declaremos a Dios que todos somos pecadores, que necesitamos constantemente la misericordia, la compasión y el perdón de Dios.**

Es solo al llegar a tal conciencia acerca de nuestro verdadero ser que podemos comenzar a ver nuestra necesidad de un Dios que sea extravagantemente generoso en amor, fidelidad y compasión. Tal estado de autoconciencia nos pone de rodillas, pidiendo perdón y compasión, incluso cuando sabemos que no lo merecemos.

En la primera lectura de Éxodo, Moisés desafía el impulso de Dios de destruir a los israelitas debido a su infidelidad y veleidad. Sus acciones manifiestan un olvido de todo lo que Dios ha hecho por ellos. Moisés le recuerda a Dios que, si bien está perfectamente justificado en la ira, los atributos más apreciados del Dios de los israelitas son el perdón y la compasión. **A diferencia de los israelitas, Dios puede y muestra cuidado y compasión, especialmente cuando no se lo merecen.** Dios siempre ha sido fiel y compasivo, no importa lo infiel que haya sido la gente. **Dios permanece constante como el Dios del amor y la compasión**.

La primera carta a Timoteo nos recuerda que Cristo Jesús vino al mundo para salvar a los pecadores. Cada uno de nosotros es un pecador. El mismo Papa Francisco admite que él, igual a todos nosotros, es un pecador. Al manifestar compasión y perdón hacia nosotros, Dios restablece continuamente el vínculo de amor con toda la creación iniciada desde el principio de los tiempos. **Debido a nuestra relación especial con Dios a través de Jesús, nosotros también, como Jesús, hemos sido elegidos por Dios para ser ministros de compasión, perdón, reconciliación y amor hacia todo lo que encontramos.**

Reflexione sobre cómo Dios le ha contactado constantemente con amor y compasión abundante. **Esta semana, camine un rato en los zapatos de aquellos que necesitan perdón, compasión y amor**. Tenga en cuenta las veces que ha contactado a otros con el mismo amor y compasión que Dios le ha mostrado a usted.

Biagio Mazza
Asociado Pastoral

Lecturas

Lecturas del Domingo, 15 de Septiembre
Primera Lectura: Éxodo 32:7-11, 13-14
Salmo: Salmo 51:3-4, 12-13, 17 y 19
Segunda Lectura: 1 Timoteo 1:12-17
Evangelio: Lucas 15:1-32

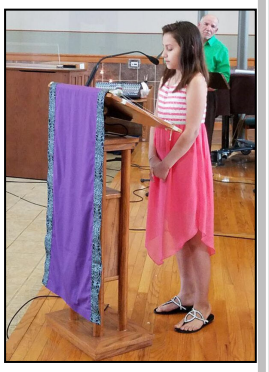
Lecturas del Domingo, 22 de Septiembre
Primera Lectura: Amós 8:4-7
Salmo: Salmo 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8
Segunda Lectura: 1 Timoteo 2:1-8
Evangelio: Lucas 16:1-13

Ministerio Juvenil

Noticias de la Escuela de Religión

Protegiendo a los Niños de Dios Organizaremos un taller de PND en el Salón Parroquial el 22 de septiembre a las 2pm en inglés. Esto se requiere para todos nuestros Ministros jóvenes, el equipo de Liderazgo de Adultos y cualquier padre que desee ayudar como acompañante en el próximo año. Póngase en contacto con Kirstie Roberts si desea inscribirse en este taller en la Oficina de Jóvenes.

¡Liturgia Infantil! Los estudiantes de la Escuela de Religión están invitados a ser voluntarios como lectores, acomodadores, portadores del ofertorio y saludadores en una Misa cada mes. Para ayudar a nuestros estudiantes a prepararse para el papel de Lector, tendremos un taller de lectores durante las clases el 22 de septiembre para las clases de 4to a 6to grados. Todos los estudiantes de 3er grado y superior tendrán la oportunidad de inscribirse en todos los roles anteriores en las misas de liturgia infantil.



Noticias de los Jóvenes

¡Jóvenes de la High School al Renaissance Festival! ¡El 29 de septiembre iremos al Ren Fest por unas piernas de pavo gigantes, torneo de justas y diversión con come fuegos! Saldremos de Santa Sabina a las 12 p.m. y regresaremos alrededor de las 6 p.m. Los precios de los boletos varían de $20 a $23 dependiendo de si compra por adelantado en el sitio web de kcrenfest. Los jóvenes son responsables de la compra anticipada, cupones y/o compras de los boletos en la puerta. Los formularios de permiso están disponibles en el sitio web y en la Oficina Parroquial. Se necesitan padres conductores y acompañantes para este evento. Por favor, póngase en contacto con Kirstie Roberts para registrarse.

¡Jóvenes de la Middle School la High School a Worlds of Fun! Iremosa Halloween Haunt en WOF el 11 de octubre a las 5 p.m. y regresaremos a la parroquia a las 12:30 a.m. Debido a que viajamos en autobús, pedimos que cada joven contribuya con $10 adicionales para el transporte. Los boletos se pueden comprar en línea o en la puerta. Informe a la oficina de los jóvenes si tiene un descuento grupal para compartir con otros niños. Necesitaremos al menos 3 chaperones adultos. ¡Póngase en contacto con Kirstie si desea ser voluntario! ¡Pueden traer amigos y todos deben tener una hoja de permiso!

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

Los Más Pequeños Jim Burrows

Jesús les dijo:
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mi oveja que se había perdido". Lc 15:6

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El 10 de octubre del 2019 a las 6 p.m., la parroquia organizará una recepción de reconocimiento para voluntarios que incluye bebidas y aperitivos. Todos los voluntarios de la parroquia están invitados a asistir, sin embargo, debe confirmar su asistencia a este evento. Llame a Kris o envíele un correo electrónico si puede asistir. ¡Estamos inmensamente agradecidos por todos nuestros voluntarios que tan generosamente dan su tiempo y talento y esperamos que puedan asistir para que podamos expresar nuestra gratitud! 816-979-3151 o kris@stsabinaparish.org.

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