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Pictured are Kathy and Bob Guezuraga, and Wayne Little with Fr. Jeff at the dedication of the Memorial to the Unborn on August 29.

En la foto aparecen Kathy y Bob Guezuraga, y Wayne Little con el P. Jeff en la dedicación del Monumento a los No Nacidos el 29 de agosto.

Mass Times

In Person: Saturdays at 4pm (English)
Sundays at 8am and 10:30am (English)
Sundays at 12:30pm (Spanish)

Online: Sundays at 8am (Facebook-live)
Posted to website immediately after
Sundays at 12:30pm (Spanish-Facebook-live)
Posted to website immediately after

Horarios de Misa

En persona: Sábados a las 4pm (inglés)
Domingos a las 8am y 10:30am (inglés)
Domingos a las 12:30pm (español)

En línea: Domingos a las 8am (inglés-Facebook-en vivo)
Publicado en nuestro sitio web inmediatamente después
Domingos a las 12:30pm (español-Facebook-en vivo)
Publicado en nuestro sitio web inmediatamente después

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Mass Intentions for the Week Peticiones de la Semana

Intentions for September 21-24, 2021

Tues.	11am	Open
Wed.	8am	Open
Thur.	8am	Open
Fri.	8am	Open

Saturday, September 25, 2021

4:00pm Open

Sunday, September 26, 2021

8:00am	†Denise English
10:30am	Intentions of Our Parish Family
12:30pm Spanish	†Marco Antonio Huerta
	†Agustin Garcia
	†Norma Cartagena

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

†Agustin García, sobrino de Gloria Garcia
 †Amalia Romero, tía de Raul Felix
 †Lou Roper, sister-in-law of Ron Roper
 †Vivian Petersen, Beautiful Savior
 †Gene Krein, husband of Viola Krein
 †Hortencia Valentin, tía de Maria Candia
 †Guadalupe Carrasco, madre de Moraima Rodriguez
 †Pat Falcon, mother of Joe and Andy Falcon
 †Robert Barrett Jr., brother of Lois Stogsdill
 †Maxine Bremer, mother of Brenda Bremer
 †Carmen Felix, tía de Raul Felix
 †Mary Owens, daughter of Bill Owens
 †Don Hemmen, father Tom Hemmen, Jeff Hemmen and Christine Scott
 †Efren Jaimes, hermano de Maria Palomares



Parish Information—Información Parroquial

Sunday, September 19 - Domingo, 19 de Septiembre

9:00am	Parish School of Religion
11:00am	Escuela de Religión
11:00am	Ensayo del Coro Hispano
1:00pm	COVID Vaccine Clinic—Clínica de Vacunación
7:00pm	Confirmation and High School Youth Group

Monday, September 20 - Lunes, 20 de Septiembre

7:00pm	Boy Scouts
7:00pm	Cub Scouts
7:00pm	Formation Series: Catholic Social Teaching (Zoom)

Tuesday, September 21 - Martes, 21 de Septiembre

9:30am	Grief Group
7:00pm	Rosario Parroquial

Wednesday, September 22 - Miércoles, 22 de Septiembre

9:00am	Legion of Mary
6:00pm	Ensayo de Matachines
6:30pm	Parish Rosary
7:00pm	Choir Practice
7:00pm	Junior High Youth Group
7:00pm	Scouting Religious Emblem Class

Thursday, September 23 - Jueves, 23 de Septiembre

9:30am	Piecemakers Quilt Group
7:00pm	RCIA—RICA

Friday, September 24 - Viernes, 24 de Septiembre

5:00pm	Ensayo de Boda: Vargas/Chavez
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Saturday, September 25 - Sábado, 25 de Septiembre

8:00am	Knights Highway Cleanup
9:00am	Altar Society Church Cleaning
1:00pm	Boda: Vargas/Chavez
2:00pm	Boy Scouts Eagle Court of Honor
3:00pm	Confessions

Sunday, September 26 - Domingo, 26 de Septiembre

9:00am	Parish School of Religion
11:00am	Escuela de Religión
11:00am	Ensayo del Coro Hispano

happy birthday

Peg Agnew	John Jongenelen
Cendy Aguilar	David Kille
Ampara Aguilera	Madison Knight
Corey Alston	Todd Kudron
Jeffrey Angold	Roberto Landa
Nancy Ballenger	Nicolas Lewis
Debbie Barker	Ernesto Lopez
Juan Basurto	Aaron Lopez
Wesson Becker	Bonita Mackedanz
Elaine Becker	Armando Mancia
Joshua Becker-Schutte	Scott Mansur
Katie Butscher	Stacey McClish
Betty Byerly	Alex Melendez
Yulissa Calleja	Betty Metzler
Michael Carter	Andrea Negrete
Par Castaneda	Jessica Orozco
Jose Catalan	Lowen Palmer
Guadalupe Chavez	Juan Ramirez
Fr. Mike Clary	Diana Ramirez
Cheryl DeMar	Mercedes Resendiz
Angel Duarte	Jose Reyes
Joshua Durham	Eliseo Rocha
Kathy Evans	Maria Rodriguez
Sandy Fiocati	Leslie Rodriguez
Isela Fuentes	Julio Sanchez
Yuridia Garcia	Juana Sanchez
John Glagola	Glen Schmidt
Alejandra Gomez	Dennis Schmidt
Evelyn Gonzalez	Russell Sirocka
Amanda Gray	Araceli Solis
Mercedes Guzman	Eric Spiller
Connie Hagemann	Presley Strickland
Dawn Hartsock	Demi Thurber
Kyle Henkhaus	Elvia Torres
Jonathan Hernandez	Perla Torres
Evelyn Huerta	David Trejo
Diane Hughes	Jamileth Vazquez
Caleb Jergensen	Ricardo Vega
Daliahna Jimenez	Adam Weeks

Happy Anniversary

Dick and Anita Armstrong	58 Years!	9/21/1963
Arthur and Patricia Zeitelhack	58 Years!	9/21/1963
John and Joyce Giacone	47 Years!	9/21/1974
John and Colleen Shern	40 Years!	9/25/1981
Rick and Sheila Hamilton	32 Years!	9/23/1989
Robert and Pamela Miller	30 Years!	9/21/1991
Jose Hernandez and Olivia Rodriguez	29 Years!	9/26/1992
Jacob Anderson and Leopolda Vasquez	15 Years!	9/25/2006
Jesse and Jamie Duncan	14 Years!	9/22/2007
John and Nicole Strickland	13 Years!	9/20/2008
Pedro Arreola and Maria Candia	12 Years!	9/26/2009
Steve and Ashley Cisetti	8 Years!	9/21/2013
Jesus Bretado and Ana Reyes	5 Years!	9/24/2016
Nickolas and Rose-Mari Heinerikson	3 Years!	9/22/2018



This Week's Do You Know Video:

The Family is the most basic unit of society and social engagement, and therefore a central focus of all Catholic Social Teaching. It is within families that we learn about God, moral values and where we form our consciences. In family life, we experience justice, love, compassion, mercy, giving and taking, as well as the willingness to sacrifice for the other without counting the cost. Families are the very fabric of a healthy society. Governments, corporations, institutions and churches all have an obligation to support and foster healthy families in the midst of life's challenges and difficulties. Make time to view this week's DYK video and delve more into why family is central to all Catholic Social Teaching.



Catholic Cemeteries Winter Decorations

The Catholic Cemeteries of Kansas City - St. Joseph offers artificial pine wreaths and crosses to be placed on your loved one's burial space this winter. The wreath and cross stand upright on a wire easel. The wreath is decorated with pine cones, red berries and red bow with gold trim. The cross is decorated with pine cones, Christmas balls and a red bow with gold trim.



Wreath = \$40.00



Cross = \$40.00

Placement of wreaths and crosses will begin the week of Thanksgiving. All winter decorations will be removed the first week of February, 2022.

Every effort will be made to place the wreath or cross that is shown, but Catholic Cemeteries reserves the right to substitute due to availability.

To place your order, mail your check and order form to Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Attn: Wreaths, 7601 Blue Ridge, KCMO 64138.

If you need an order form, please call 816-353-1900 or email infoeq@cemeterieskcsj.org and request a form.

Or call to place your order, 816-353-1900. Credit and debit card payments are accepted over the phone. Orders will be accepted through October 1, 2021.

Green Team Tip of the Week

Plastics are made from fossil fuels, can contaminate food and drink, and have polluted the food chain and drinking water. Learn more <https://www.lessplastic.org.uk/9-reasons-refuse-single-use-plastic/>.

En Nuestro Video ¿Sabes...? de Esta Semana:

La Familia es la unidad más básica de la sociedad y el compromiso social y, por lo tanto, un foco central de toda la Enseñanza Social Católica. Es dentro de las familias que aprendemos sobre Dios, los valores morales y donde formamos nuestra conciencia. En la vida familiar, experimentamos justicia, amor, compasión, misericordia, dar y recibir, así como la voluntad de sacrificarnos por el otro sin contar el costo. Las familias son el tejido mismo de una sociedad sana. Los gobiernos, corporaciones, instituciones e iglesias tienen la obligación de apoyar y fomentar familias saludables, en medio de los desafíos y dificultades de la vida. Tómese un momento para ver el video ¿Sabes? de esta semana y profundice en el por qué la familia es fundamental para toda la Enseñanza Social Católica.

Felicidades Por Su Bautismo

Jaydean Naizeth Altamirano Posada, la hija de Jorge Altamirano Galeana y Nancy Posada

Anthony Daniel Gutierrez Espinoza, el hijo de Rick Anthony Gutierrez y Biridiana Espinoza

Nathali Sofia Argueta Guardado y Lucas Josue Argueta Guardado, los hijos de Yoni Alberto Argueta Argueta y Olga Del Carmen Guardado Rivera

Evan Adriel Castro Rodriguez y Dylan Edgardo Fuentes Rodriguez, los hijos de Oscar Edgardo Fuentes Vayas y Maria de la Luz Rodriguez Larios

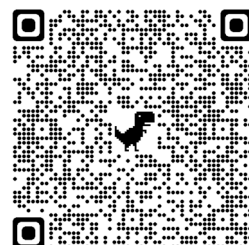
Emiliano Pulido Solano, el hijo de Manuel Pulido Becerra y María Guadalupe Solano Rosas



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Consejo de la Semana del Equipo de Ecología

Los plásticos están hechos de combustibles fósiles, pueden contaminar alimentos y bebidas y han contaminado la cadena alimentaria y el agua potable. Aprende más —>



Information—Información

Covid-19 Vaccine Info

"When each individual makes a small act of charity, like getting the COVID-19 vaccine, every gesture added together can transform the world." -Pope Francis

The parish is hosting another vaccine clinic for first and second doses on Sunday, September 19, 1-3pm in the gym.

Text your ZIP code to 438829 - or text "VACUNA" for Spanish - and you'll find your local options for the Covid-19 vaccines.

Información sobre la vacuna Covid-19

"Cuando cada individuo hace un pequeño acto de caridad, como recibir la vacuna contra el COVID-19, cada gesto sumado puede transformar el mundo".

-Papa Francisco

La parroquia está organizando otra clínica de vacunas para la primera y segunda dosis el domingo 19 de septiembre, de 1 a 3 pm en el gimnasio.

Envíe un mensaje de texto con "VACUNA" al 438829 y encontrará sus opciones locales para las vacunas contra el Covid-19.

COVID Relief Information

The Child Tax Credit (CTC)

There is an expanded Child Tax Credit available this year and more families are eligible than ever before. Half of the payments are even available in advance, on a monthly basis. Those who have not filed a tax return in 2019 or 2020 will need to submit their information to receive the credit. They can do so here: <https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/child-tax-credit-non-filer-sign-up-tool>.

More great resources for families and those working to connect them to the CTC are available at <http://www.getctc.org/> and <https://www.taxoutreach.org/tax-filing/coronavirus/2021-stimulus-checks-and-tax-credit-outreach-resources/>.

Rental Assistance

Emergency Rental Assistance is available for renter households impacted by the pandemic. Those struggling to pay rent can find out more about this help here: <https://www.consumerfinance.gov/coronavirus/mortgage-and-housing-assistance/renter-protections/emergency-rental-assistance-for-renters/>.

Information about a rental assistance program in your area is available through the Consumer and Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) Rental Assistance Finder: <https://www.consumerfinance.gov/coronavirus/mortgage-and-housing-assistance/renter-protections/find-help-with-rent-and-utilities/>.

The CFPB has also developed a toolkit to help raise awareness about the rental assistance resources available to tenants and landlords: <https://www.consumerfinance.gov/coronavirus/mortgage-and-housing-assistance/housing-insecurity-media-toolkit/emergency-rental-assistance-resources>.

Eviction Moratorium

The CDC has just issued a new order temporarily halting evictions until October 3rd in counties experiencing substantial or high levels of community transmission of COVID-19. This moratorium gives households more time to get emergency rental assistance. Information about eligibility and a declaration form which renters must submit to their landlord can be found here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/covid-eviction-declaration.html>.

Wellness Center

Did You Know- Nine out of ten adults may not have the skills needed to manage their health and prevent disease. These numbers suggest that many people may have difficulty understanding medication instructions, filling out complex health forms, managing chronic health conditions, and navigating the healthcare system. This is often referred to as health literacy.

Health literacy is important for everyone because we all need to be able to find, understand, and use health information and services. In the Wellness Center, we are dedicated to improving your health literacy and your health. Here are a few ways you can improve your health literacy.

- Visit reliable websites when searching for health information. Here are examples of recommended websites, WebMD.org, MayoClinic.org, Medlineplus.org, and ClevelandClinic.org.
- Take another person with you to your appointments to act as another set of ears. Ask them to be prepared to ask questions and speak up for you.
- **Join us for a virtual health literacy class!** The Wellness Center offers several health and wellness classes. Our next health literacy class was created by Stanford University and focuses on managing chronic health conditions like COPD, diabetes, pain and more. The class will meet by phone once a week for 6 weeks. Be on the lookout for a flyer with more information about this class and other services offered to improve your health and your health literacy.

We are your partner for better health!



PSR/Youth

Parish School of Religion registration forms are now available in the back of church, in the Youth Office and on the Parish website. Please take your time and fill them out completely. Kindergarten through 6th grade and High School Youth begin on Sunday, September 19th, Junior High (grades 7&8) begins on Wednesday, September 22nd. A complete calendar for the year is available on the website as well as in the Youth Office.

High School Youth

Tuesday Morning Prayer and Donuts! Each Tuesday that Belton has classes, Kirstie will meet youth in the Ed Wing with donuts and a little prayer to kick start their day at 6:15am beginning October 5th.



Educación Religiosa

Escuela de Religión

Los Formularios de Inscripción de la ya están disponibles en el espacio de reunión, en las oficinas y en el sitio web de la parroquia. Tómese su tiempo y llénelos por completo. Los grados de kinder al sexto y los jóvenes de la high school comienzan el domingo 19 de septiembre, los grados 7 y 8 comienzan el miércoles 22 de septiembre. Un calendario completo para el año está disponible en el sitio web, así como en la Oficina de la Juventud.



Jóvenes de la High School

¡Oración y Donas los Martes por la Mañana! Cada martes que Belton tiene clases, Kirstie se reunirá con los jóvenes en el Area de Educación con donas y una pequeña oración para comenzar el día a las 6:15am a partir del 5 de octubre.

Altar Server Training

Training for new altar servers will be on Tuesdays, September 28 & October 5 at 7:00 PM in the church. Parish youth aged 3rd grade and up are encouraged to train as altar servers. Serving at Mass is a great way for parish youth to become actively involved at church. But serving is not limited to youth. Adults are also welcomed to serve at weekend Masses

Why be an altar server?

This is an important ministry to our parish, and a great way young people can actively do something that has real meaning at church. Being active at Mass helps us learn more about praying together at Mass and can lead us to a deeper relationship with God. When we take an active role at church, we become more connected to our faith and to the workings of our parish. This can have a great meaning in our lives!

You may sign up for training by returning the bottom portion of the flyer that is in the gathering space. Or, you may sign up on the website at www.stsabinaparish.org and click "New Server Training Registration." Or, simply contact Susan Ratigan in the parish office at 979-3158 or susan@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 Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816.812.2500 or crayon@ombudsmarkcsj.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 Whitney True-Francis, Victim Assistance Coordinator, at 816.392.0011 or true.francis@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

All volunteers with youth and children must attend one Protecting God's Children workshop, submit to a background check and sign the policy on Ethics and Integrity in Ministry, (EIM). More info at <https://kcsjatholic.org/the-office-of-child-and-youth-protection/>.



Pastoral Care

Having a Difficult Time Coping With the Loss of a Loved One?

We are currently taking registrations for our six week **Adult Grief Recovery Group**. The group will begin on Tuesday, September 21st at 10am and meet for six consecutive Tuesdays. The goal of this group is not to help you "move on" or "get over it", it is to help you blend a painful loss into the narrative of your life. We all grieve in our own way and in our own time. ***Is this the time for you to walk this path in a safe, nonjudgmental way while focusing on your faith and your deceased loved one?*** All faith traditions are welcome; you do not need to be a parishioner to attend; friends and family are welcome. Attendance at all six meetings is very important. For more information contact Marta Roper in the parish office at 816-979-3154 or marta@stsabinaparish.org. Registration deadline is September 14th.

Need to receive Anointing of the Sick? If you suffer from a chronic illness, the effects of advanced years or have an upcoming surgery and wish to receive this sacrament, let Fr. Jeff know before the Mass you attend and he will be glad to anoint you after Mass. If you would like to schedule it in advance or make an appointment for a weekday, contact Marta Roper.

Cuidado Pastoral

Lista de Peticiones de Oración para el Boletín

Los feligreses que están enfermos, o que tienen un ser querido que está enfermo, pueden solicitar que se recuerde a la persona en la lista de Peticiones de Oración publicada en nuestro boletín. Los nombres permanecerán en la lista durante dos meses, pero se pueden volver a agregar a la lista. Recuerde que la persona debe dar permiso antes de que se pueda publicar el nombre. Para agregar o eliminar un nombre de la lista, comuníquese con Marta Roper, en la oficina parroquial 816-979-3154 o marta@stsabinaparish.org.

Números de Recursos de Salud Mental

Línea Nacional de Prevención del Suicidio

1-800-273-TALK (8255) Disponible 24/7

Línea Directa de Crisis de Salud Mental ACI

1-888-279-8188 Disponible 24/7, multilingüe

¿Necesita recibir la Unción de los Enfermos? Si

padece una enfermedad crónica, el efecto de la edad avanzada o tiene una cirugía próxima y desea recibir este sacramento, déjele saber al P. Jeff antes de la Misa a la que asiste y estará encantado de ungirlo después de la Misa. Si desea programarla con anticipación o hacer una cita para un día de la semana, comuníquese con la oficina parroquial.

Prayer Requests/Peticiones de Oración

Jim Agnew	Randy Dyck	Don Kueck	Chuck Ramsey
Peg Agnew	Terry Eppert	Susan Lager	Larry Rhodes
Randy Andrews	Clayton Evans	Mike Larkey	Amy Ritchie
Chris Armstrong	Melissa Evans	Mary Lewis	Dennis Ritchie
Dick Armstrong	Sharon Felsing	Ellen Lilek	Agustin Rivera
Steve Ayers	Larry Foster	Ellen Lovelace	Alfonso Rivera
Robert Barrett Jr.	Maria Luisa Flores	Alex Martinez	Gerrie Roberts
Joe Barron	John Frezza	Axel Martinez	Rene Angel Rosa Zelaya
Zachary Baylor	Gary Gallup	Pam May	Michelle Rose
Bill Beaver	Bettianne Gardiner	Bill McDaniel	Anna Ryan
Emma Beaver	Joyce Giaccone	Emanuel Juarez Meza	Zoila Angelica Salguero
Jovita Berbena	Karen Grantham	Antonia Molina	Deryl Sellmeyer
Dennis Berg	Cherie Hatfield	Norabel Molina	Arturo Solis
Marion Biondo	Martha Healy	Kathy Moore	Lori Stangl
Mary Pat Biondo	Bob Henderson	Shane Morrison	Stephen Stinger
Betty Bremenkamp	Rhonda Henke	Joan Muench	Dani Stinger
Veronica Burks	Bob Henningsen	Carmen Munguia	Lois Stogsdill
Joyce Callahan	Jack Henningsen	Jerry Nowak	Rita Stout
Patty Carr	Marilyn Henningsen	Joan Nowak	Jean Tate
Racheal Casaday Smith	Mike Hiesberger	Jack Obermeier	Joel Taylor
Shirley Chevalier	Zoey Ann Holle	JoAnn Obermeier	Fr. Chuck Tobin
Steve Circo	Ernestine Iseman	Miguel Angel Ortega	Deb Wagner
Mary Coleman	Sue Huwar	Maria Orozco	Denise Vargo Wallace
Jack Davis	Ruth Davila Johnston	Heleno Piano	Mary Westfall
Harold Dawes	Kenneth Jones	Ricardo Pinon	Mary Wickstrum
Dick Defries	John Jongenelen	Gary Prendergast	Millie Wolfe
Mark DeLuca	Airion Johnson	Rita Pruitt	
Marcia DiGeorge	Jack King	Abigail Ragsdale	
Levi Dobbs	Todd Kudron	Sherman Ragsdale	



Reflection on the Readings

The refrain for this Sunday's Responsorial Psalm 54, "The Lord upholds my life," is an unashamed, unabashed affirmation of trust in a God who is faithful, sustaining, nourishing and protecting. The verses call upon God to hear our prayer and to defend us from the haughty and ruthless, while affirming God as our helper, the one who sustains us. The other readings affirm this trust in God, and provide rich food for reflection.

In the selection from the book of Wisdom, the wicked plot against the just one, who is seen as "obnoxious" to them. The just one is a reproach to the wicked, and they are intent on the just one's destruction. The wicked would like to test the just one's faith, trust and reliance on God. Indirectly the just one is quoted as being assured that God will protect and defend their cause, delivering the just one from all enemies. While the wicked might defeat the just, what ultimately triumphs is trust in a God who is always faithful and who does "uphold my life," no matter what.

The second reading from the letter of James contrasts greed, jealousy and selfish ambition with a confidence in God who is always willing to provide for our needs. Emphasis on the former leads to conflicts, wars, dissension and hatred. Confident trust in God leads to wisdom which is full of mercy, good fruit, constancy and truthfulness. This is the path to true peace, the ground cultivated by those whose reliance, faith and trust is in a God who "upholds my life" no matter how life unfolds.

Mark's gospel reading has Jesus teaching his disciples about his passion, death and resurrection. It is the second time that Jesus has predicted these events in Mark, but each time the disciples seem not to understand, or completely misunderstand Jesus. Here, they do not understand but they are afraid to question.

Jesus' journey to Judea continues with a stop in Capernaum, where Jesus questions his disciples concerning their argument on the road. The argument centered around who among them was the greatest. It is obvious to Jesus that they do not understand what he is about, nor what true servant discipleship entails. Jesus takes a child and places the child in their midst. The child has no status, authority or power and is at the whim of those more powerful, trusting that they will do what is just. (How truly ironic all this is in light of the sex abuse perpetrated on children by those more powerful whom they trusted to do what is just, yet failed miserably and horrendously in what they were called to be and do.)

Jesus offers the child as the model of true discipleship. As the child trusts that the powerful will act justly and uphold the powerless, so too the disciple is to trust God. Likewise, those who exercise power can temper that power by becoming the "last of all and the servant of all." Receiving the powerless child is what receiving Jesus, the full revelation of God, is about. Getting on God's wavelength demands that disciples model themselves on Jesus, whose trust and confidence, just like the child, is in a loving and faithful God who "upholds my life."

Jesus affirms the fact that death, pain, conflict, injustice, and evil will not be wiped out. They are part and parcel of the human reality. However, trust and confidence in God is crucial if we are to counter the greed and selfishness that is often the source of life's harsh realities. We do not know what the end of the story will be, but we trust in God who is a God of life, continually bringing forth a richer and more lasting life than before. In this manner, Jesus can affirm resurrection and new life, in the very jaws of death.

Ultimately, it is trust and faith in the living God that will win out. So let us not tire of continued trust in God who "upholds my life." This week pray for the strength to place your trust in God, especially when life becomes difficult, challenging or harsh. Trust God who longs always to uphold your life.

Biagio Mazza
Pastoral Associate

Readings



Sunday, September 19

1st Reading: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

Psalm: Psalm 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 (6b)

2nd Reading: James 3:16—4:3

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

Sunday, September 26

1st Reading: Numbers 11:25-29

Psalm: Psalm 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 (9a)

2nd Reading: James 5:1-6

Gospel: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Reflexión Sobre las Lecturas

El estribillo del Salmo responsorial 53 de este domingo, "El Señor sostiene mi vida", es una afirmación de confianza sin reparos y penas en un Dios fiel, sustentador, nutritivo y protector. Los versos apelan a Dios para que escuche nuestra oración y para que nos defienda de los arrogantes y despiadados, mientras que afirmamos a Dios como nuestro ayudador, el que nos sostiene. **Las otras lecturas afirman esta confianza en Dios y proporcionan alimento abundante para la reflexión.**

En la selección del libro de la Sabiduría, los malvados hacen trampa contra el justo, quien dicen que los molesta. El justo es un reproche para los malvados, y están decididos de destruir al justo. A los malvados les gustaría poner a prueba la fe y la confianza en Dios del justo. Indirectamente se cita al justo como si se le asegurara que Dios protegerá y defenderá su causa, liberando al justo de todos los enemigos. **Mientras los malvados podrían vencer al justo, lo que finalmente triunfa es la confianza en un Dios que siempre es fiel y que "sostiene mi vida", sin importar nada.**

La segunda lectura de la carta de Santiago contrasta la codicia, los celos y la ambición egoísta con una confianza en Dios que siempre está dispuesto a satisfacer nuestras necesidades. El énfasis en el primero conduce a conflictos, guerras, discordia y odio. **La confianza en Dios conduce a la sabiduría que está llena de misericordia, buen fruto, constancia y veracidad.** Este es el camino a la paz verdadera, el terreno cultivado por aquellos cuya confianza y fe está en un Dios que "sostiene mi vida" sin importar cómo se desarrolle la vida.

La lectura del evangelio de Marcos tiene a Jesús enseñando a sus discípulos acerca de su pasión, muerte y resurrección. Es la segunda vez que Jesús ha predicho estos eventos en Marcos, pero cada vez los discípulos parecen no entender o malinterpretar por completo a Jesús. Aquí, ellos no entienden pero tienen miedo de preguntar.

El viaje de Jesús a Judea continúa con una parada en Cafarnaúm, donde Jesús pregunta a sus discípulos sobre su discusión en el camino. La discusión se trató de quién de ellos era el mejor. **Es obvio para Jesús que no entienden de qué se trata ni qué implica el verdadero discipulado de los siervos.** Jesús toma a un niño y coloca al niño entre ellos. **El niño no tiene estatus, autoridad ni poder y está al capricho de los más poderosos, confiando en que harán lo que es justo.** (¡Qué irónico es todo esto a la luz del abuso sexual perpetrado contra los niños por aquellos más poderosos en los que confiaron para hacer lo que es justo, pero fracasaron miserablemente y horriblemente en lo que fueron llamados a ser y hacer!)

Jesús ofrece al niño como el modelo del verdadero discipulado. A medida que el niño confía en que el poderoso actuará con justicia y defenderá a los impotentes, también el discípulo confiará en Dios. Del mismo modo, aquellos que ejercen el poder pueden moderar ese poder convirtiéndose en el "último de todos y el servidor de todos". **Recibir al niño sin poder es de lo que se trata recibir a Jesús, la completa revelación de Dios.** Entrar a la misma onda de Dios exige que los discípulos se modelen sobre Jesús, cuya confianza, al igual que el niño, está en un Dios amoroso y fiel que "sostiene mi vida".

Jesús afirma que la muerte, el dolor, el conflicto, la injusticia y el mal no serán aniquilados. Son parte integrante de la realidad humana. Sin embargo, la confianza en Dios es crucial si queremos contrarrestar la avaricia y el egoísmo que muchas veces es la fuente de las duras realidades de la vida. **No sabemos cuál será el final de la historia, pero confiamos en Dios, que es un Dios de vida, que produce continuamente una vida más rica y duradera que antes.** De esta manera, Jesús puede afirmar la resurrección y la nueva vida, en las mismas garras de la muerte.

Lecturas



Lecturas del Domingo, 19 de Septiembre

Primera Lectura: Sabiduría 2:12, 17-20

Salmo: Salmo 53:3-4, 5, 6, 8

Segunda Lectura: Santiago 3:16—4:3

Evangelio: Marcos 9:30-37

Lecturas del Domingo, 26 de Septiembre

Primera Lectura: Números 11:25-29

Salmo: Salmo 18:8, 10, 12-13, 14

Segunda Lectura: Santiago 5:1-6

Evangelio: Marcos 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

En última instancia, es la confianza y la fe en el Dios vivo lo que saldrá ganando. Así que no nos cansemos de la confianza continua en Dios que "sostiene mi vida". **Esta semana ore por la fortaleza de poner su confianza en Dios, especialmente cuando la vida se vuelve difícil, desafiante y dura. Confíe en Dios que anhela siempre mantener su vida.**

Biagio Mazza
Asociado Pastoral



Stewardship/Corresponsabilidad

Quarterly Financial Report

Income	4th Quarter (Apr-Jun)	Year to Date (Jul '20-Jun '21)
Weekly Env	\$181,451.57	\$ 680,051.71
Weekly Plate	\$ 7,730.13	\$ 21,776.90
Holy Days	\$ 851.00	\$ 17,574.29
Maint/Upkeep	\$ 14,498.50	\$ 57,586.87
Gifts	\$ 16,535.42	\$ 106,025.38
Fund Raising/Misc.	\$ 131.81	\$ 453.86
Operational	\$ 10,439.51	\$ 41,664.93
Ministry & Program	\$ 30.00	\$ 897.00
Religious Ed	\$ 400.00	\$ 5,568.00
Forgiven PPP Loan	\$ 83,500.00	\$ 83,500.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 241.62	\$ 2,625.03
Total Income	\$315,809.56	\$1,017,723.97
Expenses	4th Quarter	Year to Date
Salaries/Ben/FICA	\$150,238.10	\$ 609,191.41
Utilities	\$ 8,707.73	\$ 43,303.72
Facilities	\$ 12,303.05	\$ 36,828.24
Operational	\$ 8,731.58	\$ 24,071.73
Prayer & Worship	\$ 1,771.96	\$ 4,522.00
Monthly Diocese	\$ 41,751.00	\$ 180,783.00
Religious Ed	\$ 1,595.69	\$ 4,241.83
Youth Ministry	\$ -	\$ 525.55
Pastoral Ministry	\$ -	\$ -
Extraordinary Exp	\$ 14,978.00	\$ 14,978.00
Total Expenses	\$ 240,077.11	\$ 918,445.48
Income Less Exp	\$ 75,732.45	\$ 99,278.49

Contributions for the Week of September 5

Envelopes/Sobres:	\$17,264.00
Plate/Canasta:	\$ 680.00
Maintenance-Upkeep:	\$ 3,183.50

Online Giving

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During October the Respect Life Month

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Time: 6:30 P.M. - Rosary to follow

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Annual Report

JULY 2020-JUNE 2021 FINANCIAL REPORT/REPORTES FINANCIEROS AND BUDGET REPORT FOR JULY 2021-JUNE 2022

Ordinary Income/Ingresos Ordinarios	ACTUAL AMOUNT	BUDGET AMOUNT
Contribution Income/Entradas por Contribuciones	2020-2021	2021-2022
Weekly Envelopes	\$680,051.71	\$680,000.00
Weekly Plate	21,776.90	30,000.00
Holy Days	17,574.29	10,000.00
Development/Fund Raising/Desarrollo/Eventos Recavatorios de Fondos		
Building Fund	57,586.87	50,000.00
Gifts/Special Donations/Fund Raising Activity	106,479.24	115,500.00
Operational/Operacional		
Interest/ Rental/ Mass Stipends/ Poor Box/ Votive Lights	41,664.93	37,650.00
Education/Religious Education/Ministry/Other/Educación Religiosa/Ministerio/Otros		
Religious Education/Summer Programs/ Youth Ministry/ Senior Ministry/Miscellaneous	9,090.03	11,500.00
Wills/Bequests		
Wills/Bequests	--	—
Forgiven PPP Loan		
Forgiven PPP Loan	83,500.00	—
Total Parish Operating Income/Total de Ingresos Operacionales	\$1,017,723.97	\$934,650.00
Parish Expenses/Gastos Parroquiales		
Personnel/Personal Administrativo		
Salaries/Clergy & Lay Benefits/Employer Portion Social Security/Medicare	\$609,191.41	\$631,940.00
Facilities/Instalaciones		
Gas	10,563.50	11,300.00
Electric	19,479.58	21,600.00
Other Utilities/ Ordinary Repairs/Custodial Supplies & Services/Equip/Computer/Software	50,088.88	39,560.00
General Operational/Operaciones Generales		
Monthly Diocesan Support	85,836.00	82,160.00
Insurance/Resource Materials/Poor/Envelopes/Supplies/ Special Events/Postage/Others	100,646.73	109,950.00
School Support	18,372.00	17,570.00
Prayer & Worship/Oracion y Culto		
Liturgical Supplies/Hymnals/Homily Aids/Stipend Musicians	4,522.00	5,570.00
Religious Education/Educación Religiosa		
Religious Education Pre School-High School/Summer Programs/RCIA	4,241.83	8,500.00
Pastoral Ministry/Ministerio Pastoral		
Youth Ministry/Family Ministry/Senior Ministry	525.55	6,500.00
Extraordinary Expense/Gastos Extraordinarios		
New Construction/Major Renovation/Equipment	14,978.00	—
Total All Parish Expenses/Total de Todos los Gastos Parroquiales	\$918,445.48	\$934,650.00
Net Income	\$ 99,278.49	\$ —
Funds on Deposit with Diocese as of June 30, 2020/Fondos en el Depósito 2020	\$179,980.00	
Funds put on Deposit for 2020-2021 Fiscal Year/Fondos en el Depósito 2020-2021	\$ 914.13	
Funds withdrawn from Deposit with the Diocese for 2020-2021 Fiscal Year/Fondos Retirados	--	
Total Funds on Deposit with Diocese as of June 30, 2021	\$180,894.13	



Upcoming Electronics Recycling Events

-  **Oct 2 8am-noon:** Ruskin High School parking lot 7000 E. 111th St., Kansas City, MO
 -  **Oct 16:** Family Center at Mill-Walk Mall Harrisonville, MO. Sponsored by Cass County Sustainability Council. <https://cassrecycle.wordpress.com/2021/09/02/electronics-recycling-event-october-16-2021-family-farm-center-harrisonville-mo/>
 -  **Oct 23:** Center Alternative School 8434 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO
 -  **Nov 6 8am-noon:** Manual Career & Technical Center, 1215 E. Truman Road, Kansas City, MO
- Fees apply to TV's and computers. For more info and other locations <https://greenabilitymagazine.com/blog/2021/08/find-electronic-recycling-event-near/>.



Próximos Eventos de Reciclaje de Electrónicos

-  **2 de octubre 8 am- mediodía:** estacionamiento de la escuela secundaria Ruskin 7000 E. 111th St., Kansas City, MO
 -  **16 de octubre:** Family Center en Mill Walk Mall Harrisonville, MO. Patrocinado por el Cass County Sustainability Council. <https://cassrecycle.wordpress.com/2021/09/02/electronics-recycling-event-october-16-2021-family-farm-center-harrisonville-mo/>
 -  **23 de octubre:** Center Alternative School 8434 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO
 -  **6 de noviembre 8 am- mediodía:** Centro técnico y de carrera manual, 1215 E. Truman Road, Kansas City, MO
- Se aplican tarifas a televisores y computadoras. Para obtener más información y otras ubicaciones, <https://greenabilitymagazine.com/blog/2021/08/find-electronic-recycling-event-near/>.

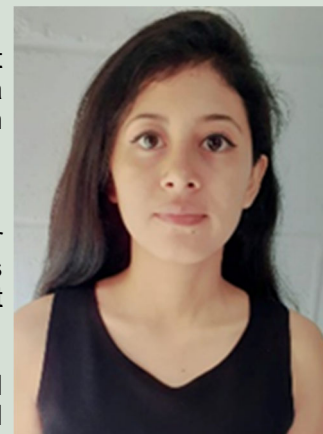
El Salvador Scholarship Students

St. Sabina currently supports 11 university students in El Salvador. Over the next several weeks we will highlight one student a week. If you would like to support Karla and our other 10 scholarship students, please place your donation in the collection basket and label it El Salvador Scholarship Fund. Thank you.

Karla Ivette Barahona Roque

Karla is from the community of Cinquera and is 19 years old. She is currently in her second year of study at Catholic University of El Salvador and her field of study is Nursing. She is expected to graduate in 2024 and her grade point average last semester was 7.3.

Karla lives with her parents and her sister. Her mother, Jivett, is 44, a homemaker and received a high school education. Her father, Carlos, is 44, an electrician, and received a high school education. Karla's sister, Katya, is 18, a high school graduate, and is continuing her studies.



Below please read Karla's comments about the Scholarship program, her challenges and her future plans.

WHAT IMPACT HAS THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM HAD ON YOUR LIFE?

The program has had a positive impact. I have access to university education thanks to the resources provided by the scholarship. Without the program, I wouldn't have studied, as my mother doesn't have a stable income, and my father's salary is not enough to cover all the household expenses.

WHAT IMPACT HAS THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM HAD ON YOUR COMMUNITY?

Thanks to the support of the scholarship program, many young people have started and finished their university education. Thanks to that, the community continues to advance with professionals who are an important component in the development of Cinquera.

WHAT HAVE BEEN YOUR GREATEST OBSTACLES IN ORDER TO CONTINUE YOUR EDUCATION?

The main obstacle is my family's economic situation, as it's not easy to cover all the university expenses, in addition, the household expenses are many, and my sister is also in school.

WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS AFTER GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL OR UNIVERSITY?

Contribute to my community and the country in general through my knowledge. I want to work and help my family economically.

Parish Information/Información Parroquial

Catholic Social Teaching

Mondays, Sept. 13, 20, 27 by Zoom

Why has Catholic social teaching often been called the church's "best kept secret?" How does Catholic social teaching fit under the umbrella of the gospel's "consistent ethic of life" or that of a "seamless garment of life?" What is the foundation of Catholic social teaching and how does Catholic social teaching challenge every aspect of our life as disciples?

Come and see so as to deepen our understanding of Catholic social teaching and its consistent challenge on our faith journey. These Zoom sessions will be facilitated by Biagio Mazza, Pastoral Associate at St. Sabina Parish in Belton, MO on three successive Monday evenings, Sept 13, 20 and 27, from 7-8:30 PM. For more information or to register, email Biagio at biagio@stsabinaparish.org or biagio46@gmail.com.

Christmas in October is Back!

After a year off, our Christmas In October (CIO) ministry will resume this autumn. Work Day is Saturday, October 9th. This year we have selected a house in Belton belonging to one of our parishioners to work on. Most of the work will be done outdoors per CIO program guidance.

Some of the work needed will be raising and leveling a deck/sun room; repairing and/or replacing front porch posts, railings and unsafe handrails; repairing or replacing guttering; trimming trees and bushes and cutting back summer vegetation; and a variety of other jobs.

All help is very welcomed, especially those with carpentering and gutter installing skills. The more hands we have, the more that can be accomplished.

We will meet at the church at 7:30 AM and start work at 8 AM. Lunch will be provided. Masks are encouraged whether you have been vaccinated or not even though we will be outside.

You can sign up in the Gathering Space on the sheet on the front table, or by contacting Chuck Stinger by email at c.m.stinger@att.net or by phoning him at 816.868.7323.

Remember, by helping your neighbor, you are practicing Christ's teachings.

On August 29, Moises and Yahir, helped welcome their younger siblings and new altar servers, Mia and Aaron, into the ministry.

El 29 de agosto, Moises y Yahir ayudaron a dar la bienvenida al ministerio a sus hermanos menores y nuevos monaguillos, Mia y Aaron.



Platicas Pre-Bautismales - 9 de Octubre

Normalmente cada segundo Sábado del mes de las 10 am a las 11am. (Sólo para niños de 0-6 años.) Salón Parroquial. Para niños mayores de 7 años requerirán una formación especial. **No se ofrece cuidado de niños.**

PRÓXIMOS BAUTISMOS: Llamar a Kris al 816-979-3151. Favor de llenar su aplicación para asistir a las platicas con anterioridad.

¡Vuelve la Navidad en Octubre!

Después de un año de descanso, nuestro ministerio de Navidad en octubre se reanudará este otoño. El día de trabajo es el sábado 9 de octubre. Este año hemos seleccionado una casa en Belton que pertenece a uno de nuestros feligreses para trabajar. La mayor parte del trabajo se realizará al aire libre según la orientación del programa Navidad en Octubre.

Parte del trabajo necesario será elevar y nivelar una terraza/solárium; reparar y/o reemplazar postes del porche delantero, barandas y pasamanos inseguros; reparar o reemplazar canaletas; podar árboles y arbustos y recortar la vegetación de verano; y una variedad de otros trabajos.

Toda la ayuda es bienvenida, especialmente aquellos con habilidades de carpintería e instalación de canaletas. Cuantas más manos tengamos, más se podrá lograr.

Nos reuniremos en la iglesia a las 7:30am y comenzaremos a trabajar a las 8am. Se proporcionará almuerzo. Se recomienda usar cubrebocas, ya sea que haya sido vacunado o no, aunque estaremos afuera.

Puede inscribirse en el espacio de reunión en la hoja de la mesa del frente, o comunicándose con Chuck Stinger por correo electrónico a c.m.stinger@att.net o llamándolo al 816.868.7323 (inglés).

Recuerde, al ayudar a su prójimo, está practicando las enseñanzas de Cristo.



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