

Saint Sabina Catholic Church

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



Pictured are Gloria Garcia and Frank Hansel, honorees at the Bishop's Recognition Mass on Sunday, September 16.

Mass Times

Saturday: 4:00pm in English

Sunday: 8:00am and 10:30am in English,
12:30pm in Spanish

Confessions: Saturdays
3:00-3:30pm

Visit our website for Holy Day and special
Mass times.

Green Team Tip of the Week

Pick up after your dog because pet waste is one of the top pollutants in storm water runoff. Towns spend tax payer money to remove the disease causing bacteria.
<https://www.keepitcleanpartnership.org/pollution-prevention/scoop-the-poop/>.

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 23, 2018

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Intentions for September 24-28, 2018

Mon.	8am	Communion Service
Tues.	6pm	†Rich Owen
Wed.	11am	†David Cattle (Carnegie Village)
Thurs.	8am	†Theo Suwito
Fri.	8am	Intentions of Geneva Price

Saturday, September 29, 2018

4:00pm	†Emery Dull and family Intentions of Our Parish Family
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Sunday, September 30, 2018

8:00am	†Jack and Nancy Henning
10:30am	†Arthur Samson
12:30pm Spanish	†Sabas Valle
	†Vicenta Cabrales

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

†Richard “Rich” Owen, husband of Kathy Owen, father of Nancy Hilworth

†Lois Keen, Beautiful Savior

†Joan Feedback, parishioner, Beautiful Savior

†Anna Falco, Redwood of Raymore



Calendar/Parish Happenings

Sunday, September 23 - Domingo, 23 de Septiembre

9:00am PSR/Parents Lounge
 10:30am Bible Study
 11:00am Ensayo del Coro Hispano
 11:00am Escuela de Religión
 6:00pm Matachines
 7:00pm Confirmation and High School Youth Group

Monday, September 24 - Lunes, 24 de Septiembre

4:00pm Uplift
 6:30pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting
 7:00pm Boy Scouts
 7:00pm Talleres de Oración y Vida

Tuesday, September 25 - Martes, 25 de Septiembre

6:00pm Matachines
 7:00pm ESL/Inglés como Segunda Lengua
 7:00pm Living Stones

Wednesday, September 26 - Miércoles, 26 de Septiembre

9:00am Church Decorating
 9:00am Legion of Mary
 10:00am Faith Formation Offering: Beyond a Throwaway Culture
 11:00am Mass at Carnegie Village
 6:00pm Matachines
 7:00pm Choir Practice (4:00 and 10:30 groups)
 7:00pm Faith Formation Offering: Beyond a Throwaway Culture

Thursday, September 27 - Jueves, 27 de Septiembre

6:45am High School Prayer and Donuts
 9:30am Quilters
 7:00pm Capacitación de Acólitos
 7:00pm RCIA/RICA
 8:00pm Choir Practice (8:00 group)

Friday, September 28 - Viernes, 28 de Septiembre

5:00pm Ensayo de Quinceañera: Elia Arellano

Saturday, September 29 - Sábado, 29 de Septiembre

9:00am Altar Society Church Cleaning
 1:00pm Quince Años: Elia Arellano
 3:00pm Confessions
 3:30pm Knights Family Rosary
 5:00pm Knights Poker Tournament

Sunday, September 23 - Domingo, 23 de Septiembre

7:30am Knights Family Rosary
 9:00am PSR/Parents Lounge
 10:00am Knights Family Rosary
 11:00am Ensayo del Coro Hispano
 11:00am Escuela de Religión
 1:30pm Reunión del Comité Romero
 6:00pm Matachines

Welcoming the Poor, the Outcast and the Stranger

The Gospel According to Luke and Its Challenge to All Christians

Wednesday Evenings, October 3, 10, 17 & 24, 2018 ~ 7-9 PM

Repeated Thursday Mornings, October 4, 11, 18 & 25, 2018 ~ 10 AM-Noon

On the first Sunday of Advent, 2018, we begin a new Liturgical year focused on the Gospel according to Luke. Hospitality towards all, especially the poor, the stranger, the marginalized, and those rejected, is the essential image of God that the Lucan Jesus emphasizes. These sessions will explore Luke's gospel with special attention to the need for all Christians to model themselves on the generous welcoming and hospitable example that Jesus incarnates throughout the gospel.

Through ten meal scenes, Luke's Jesus challenges us to come to know God and to attune ourselves to Jesus' way of relating and interacting with all. Like Jesus, we are called to be hospitable and welcoming towards all. In these sessions, we will examine what hospitality meant at the time of Jesus, the cultural aspects of meals in the first century, and how that context continues to affect our understanding of Eucharist and of the hospitality required of every follower of Christ. The sessions will be facilitated by Biagio Mazza, Pastoral Associate, St. Sabina Parish. To register, call either Biagio at 816-979-3153 or Kris at 816-979-3151. Or e-mail Biagio at biagio@stsabinaparish.org.

We'd Love to Have You in the RCIA Program!

The RCIA English speaking program only has two candidates at this time. Group dynamics really suffer when the group is this small. If you know of anyone who might be interested in being part of our parish community, could you give us their name and we will contact them. If you are interested in just refreshing or renewing knowledge of your faith, you are more than welcomed to join us on Thursday evening. Calendars and sign up sheets are available in the gathering space.



Parish Happenings/Information

Got Game? K of C Poker Tournament

Our parish Knights of Columbus council invites all adults, 21 and older, to their First Annual Texas Hold-Em Poker Tournament on Saturday, September 29 at 7pm. The proceeds will benefit the Missouri Special Olympics. Register at the door for \$30. For questions or info contact Joe Cummings, 913-544-7540 or Doug Thurman, 816-935-2393.

Iconic Israel Trip

Sign up for the trip to Israel, February 27-March 8, 2019. The highlights of this trip include visiting Tel Aviv, Jaffa, Caesarea, Tiberias, Nazareth, Galilee Boat Museum, the Sea of Galilee, Jericho, Qumran, the Dead Sea, Masada, Bethlehem, the Church of the Nativity, the Mount of Olives, Mt. Zion, and the Western Wall. Our group will be in Jerusalem on Ash Wednesday! For more information, there are brochures in the office and the gathering space, or go on-line at <https://gateway.qocollette.com/link/896998>, or talk with Fr. Jeff or Kris.

ESL to Resume Classes on September 25

Our English as a Second Language classes will resume on Tuesday, September 25th at 7pm in the Juan Diego Room of the Education Wing. If you are interested in attending, you must sign up for the classes in advance. If there are not enough registrations, these classes will be cancelled. To register, please sign up in the gathering space, call the parish office, or email Kris at kris@stsabinaparish.org.

Over 55 - Save the Date - October 3rd at 11am

Our next Over 55 gathering will be held on Wednesday, October 3rd at 11am in the parish hall. Our coordinator, Sarah, is working out the details on the agenda, so please watch the bulletin for more details!

Pupusa Sale - October 7

Our Romero Committee will have a pupusa sale on Sunday, October 7th. 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 from this sale will benefit our scholarship students in El Salvador.



Blue Mass - Sep 30 - Cathedral

The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception invites those in law enforcement, firefighters, and emergency responders throughout the diocese to a Blue Mass at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 30 – the day after the feast of their patron St. Michael.

Baptism Congratulations

Eoin Alfred Park, son of Barry and Kaylie Park

Wedding Congratulations

Congratulations to **Nick Heinerikson and Rose Glenn** who were married on Saturday, September 22nd!



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 October 5 at the The Venue in Leawood with a silent and live auction and dinner. Tickets are \$150 per person. For more information visit bowtiesforbabies.com or call 913-486-9788. Also visit www.alexandrashouse.com to learn more about this special ministry.

Education Wing Library

Recently Chase Petznick and Joseph Samson built and installed bookshelves in the double classroom of our education wing as their Eagle Scout Projects. Books in this library are available for check-out. If you are interested in borrowing a book, please sign it out in the notebook on top of the shelving unit. **We kindly ask that when you borrow a book, to please return it within 3 weeks.** For questions regarding any of the books, please contact Biagio Mazza at 816-979-3153 or biagio@stsabinaparish.org.



Information

happy birthday

Peg Agnew	Coen Hendrix	Jennifer O'Reilly
Cendy Aguilar	Alexander Henkhaus	Jorge Peraza
Rita Birkenbach	Brent Hermsmeier	Joshua Pritchett
Viola Burns	Daliahna Jimenez	Abigail Ragsdale
Guadalupe Chavez	Amanda Jimenez	Kristian Rayos
Genesis Coffin	Jason Jones	Mercedes Resendiz
Carlos Contreras	John Jongenelen	Ana Reyes
Cheryl DeMar	Sean Kelley	Eliseo Rocha
Tyler DeMay	David Kille	Maria Rocha
Angel Duarte	Estelle Lewis	Leslie Rodriguez
Kathy Evans	Rodolfo Leynez	Lynn Roseburrough
Cindy Fields	Sandy Littler	Juana Sanchez
Faith Ford	Khristian Lopez	Glen Schmidt
Kelly Ford	Bonita Mackedanz	Dennis Schmidt
Isela Fuentes	Luz Martinez	Araceli Solis
Carlos Funes	Bienvenido Martinez	Terri Standley
Yuridia Garcia	Brisa Mauro	Presley Strickland
Trang Gardiner	Kenia Mauro - Flores	Anali Torres
Pat Gitto	Stacey McClish	David Trejo
Amanda Gray	Madalyn McGurn	Paul Wantz
Mercedes Guzman	Miguel Morales	Jeannette Woolworth
JoEllen Hainey	Amanda Mosman	Carmitia Yust

This Week's Do You Know Video:

As we continue our series on the key principles of the Second Vatican Council, today's focus is on the Vatican II emphasis on respecting local and regional variety. For many centuries the church insisted on uniformity at the expense of respect for local and regional variety. Since the Reformation, uniformity was strictly enforced, with no variation of any kind permitted. Strict adherence to the rubrics of the missal and memorization of the catechism were hallmarks of Catholic uniformity. Even before Vatican II, many were advocating respect for the richness and diversity that exists when Christianity genuinely reflects the culture and different modes of expression in all aspects of church life. Vatican II enshrined the principle of respecting diversity in the midst of unity. Vatican II advocates respect for the local church and its unique manner of being faithful to Christ and yet expressing that message in the fertile soil of one's culture, symbols, and regional variety. Make time to view this week's DYK video and become familiar with why Vatican II called for a respect for regional and local variety in articulating and living out the Christian message.



Happy Anniversary

John and Colleen Shern	37 Years!	9/25/1981
Jose Hernandez and Olivia Rodriguez	26 Years!	9/26/1992
Clifford and Cathy Parsley	23 Years!	9/30/1995
Steven and Jamie Ayers	16 Years!	9/28/2002
Jacob Anderson and Leopolda Vasquez Jimenez	12 Years!	9/25/2006
Pedro Arreola and Maria Candia	9 Years!	9/26/2009
Jesus Bretado and Ana Reyes	2 Years!	9/24/2016

Altar Society Mini Retreat - October 6

The Altar Society of St. Sabina invites all parishioners to a mini-retreat on Saturday morning, October 6th from 8:30am - Noon in the Parish Hall. The theme for the retreat is, "Merciful and Compassionate is the Lord, Psalm 103:8". The retreat will be facilitated by Biagio Mazza, Pastoral Associate at St. Sabina. Please join the Altar Society for a potluck breakfast at 8:30am. Coffee and juice will be provided. Prayers and reflections begin at 9am. Sign up in the gathering space or call the parish office at 816-331-4713.

Faith Formation Offering: Beyond a Throwaway Culture

St. Sabina Green Team along with the Faith Formation Program is offering a session called Beyond a Throwaway Culture. The Catholic Climate Covenant has joined the Earth Day Network's campaign to End Plastic Pollution (www.earthday.org/campaigns/plasticscampaign). Our reliance on single-use plastics has a devastating impact on God's creation. We can solve this problem and we can all play a role in reducing plastic pollution and minimizing our contribution to it by working together as a community. The session focuses on how we, both individually and collectively, contribute to the problem and how we can commit ourselves to use less disposable plastics, along with reducing the use of single-use plastic. **The session will be offered to the parish and the wider community at St. Sabina Parish on Wednesday, Sept 26, 2018. It will be offered twice: in the morning from 10-11:30 AM and in the evening from 7-8:30 PM.** Do come and invite friends as well so that together we can work on Pope Francis's vision of Caring for Our Common Home.



Pastoral Care

Nursing Home Mass Schedule

Sept 26	11:00am	Carnegie Village
Oct 3	10:30am	Beautiful Savior
Oct 10	10:00am	Redwood of Raymore

St. Sabina "Adult Grief Recovery Group"

Registration Deadline: Monday, October 1, 2018

We are currently taking registrations for our six week Adult Grief Recovery Group. This group begins on Tuesday, October 16 from 10:00-11:30am and meets for six consecutive weeks. The group encourages you to "put words to your grief" in a safe, non-judgmental place. Confidentiality is expected. You do not have to be a parishioner to participate, friends and family members are welcome. **Advanced registration required.** To register or for more information contact Marta Roper at 816-979-3154 or by email at marta@stsabinaparish.org.

Beginning Experience - Grief Support Weekend

Beginning Experience is offering a healing weekend Oct. 12-14 at Sanctuary of Hope in Kansas City, KS. This invitation is open to men and women of all ages who have suffered the loss of a spouse through death, divorce, or separation. It is a time to heal and a time to begin anew. Reservations are required. For more information visit: www.beginningexperiencekc.org. To register email register.bekc@gmail.com or contact Lori 913-980-7966.

Prayer Requests/Peticiones de Oración

Anna Anderson	Al Gebauer	Thelma Putnam
Chris Armstrong	Karen Grantham	Dee Raya
Dick Armstrong	Ginny Hainey	Larry Rhodes
Marilyn Avalos	Laverne Harlow	Renette Riley
Barry Ballenger	Allyson Harkins	Anna Ryan
Pauline Bellm	Connie Harper	Kathy Shields
Beverly Bell	Cherie Hatfield	Laurie Sigman
John Bidondo	Beth Heide	Emily Sigman
Peter Bowen	John Hirt	Lois Simpson
Betty Bremkamp	Terri Jackson	Charles Stinger II
Maxine Bremer	Don Kueck	Marie Stinger
Ramon Caratachea	Ellen Lovelace	Ursula Suwito
Alfredo Carrasco	Ray Malisos	Svoboda Family
Debra Lynn Cline	Angela Maria	Jean Tate
Joseph Coots	Jaime Martinez	Faith Taylor
Paul DeMar	Lynn Morgan	Angel Thomas
Nolan Dickerson	Janet Moorman	Bruce Thompson
Pete DiGeorge	Harry Muench	Priscilla Tristani
Steven DiGeorge	Joan Muench	Jim Wall
Paula Dull	Bella Nouryeh	Donna West
Emily Emke-Hayes	Ezequiel Olarte	Mary Westfall
Terry Eppert	Thelma Palmer	Marie Wilburn
Cheryl Frezza	George Panebianco	Travis Woods
Jim Frezza	Gary Prendergast	Carmitia Yust
Sergio Gallardo	Rita Pruitt	Debra Zayas
Dick Garnier	Earl Puls	Pablo Zayas

Help For the Heartache of Abortion

Consider attending a local Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. Women and men of all ages are welcome. The next Kansas City Retreat Weekend is October 26-28. Call 816-679-4973 or email rvkcmo@gmail.com for confidential information and to start the healing. To learn more visit www.rachelsvineyardkc.org or www.rachelsvineyard.org

Wellness Center

Did you know that once summer flies by and fall is knocking at our doorstep, many people find it more difficult to adjust their sleep schedule back to what it was before all the summertime fun began? Although it is especially true for children who go back to school in August or September, adults can also suffer the consequences from shifted summer sleep schedules. Once fall arrives, we might find that we are still doing many activities in the evening and nighttime, making it difficult to fall asleep at the earlier desired time. This then snowballs into more trouble getting up in the morning, daytime sleepiness and sleeping in on the weekends as an attempt to "catch up" on lost sleep (which rarely works). Keep these simple steps in mind:

- **Stick to a sleep schedule-** Go to bed and get up at the same time every day, even on weekends, holidays and days off. Being consistent reinforces your body's sleep-wake cycle and helps promote better sleep at night.
- **Pay attention to what you eat and drink-** Don't go to bed either hungry or stuffed. Your discomfort might keep you up.
- **Create a bedtime ritual-** Do the same things each

night to tell your body it's time to wind down. Relaxing activities can promote better sleep by easing the transition between wakefulness and drowsiness.

- **Get comfortable-** Create a room that's ideal for sleeping. Consider using room-darkening shades, earplugs, a fan or other devices to create an environment that suits your needs.
- **Include physical activity in your daily routine-** Regular physical activity can promote better sleep, helping you to fall asleep faster and to enjoy deeper sleep. *Join us for a workout!!*
- **Manage stress -** When you have too much to do — and too much to think about — your sleep is likely to suffer. Give yourself permission to take a break when you need one. Share a good laugh with an old friend. Before bed, jot down what's on your mind and then set it aside for tomorrow.
- **Know when to contact your doctor -** Nearly everyone has an occasional sleepless night — but if you often have trouble sleeping, contact your doctor.

Come exercise with us, you'll sleep better!



Stewardship

"Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, 'If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.' Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, 'Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me.'"

Mark 9: 35-37

Christ is speaking not only of youngsters, but all "little ones," those who are vulnerable or needy in any way — through poverty, physical or mental illness, advanced age, difficult family situations — those that the brothers and sisters St. Teresa of Calcutta would call "Jesus in distressing disguise." They are all around us if we open our eyes. Like Jesus, we can put our arms around the little ones in our world and channel some of our energy, ambition, and talent towards them. Giving the best of ourselves to these brothers and sisters may be a little messy at times. It may put us in situations that are far outside our comfort zones. Maybe our colleagues and neighbors will not understand our actions. But in reaching out to little ones in Jesus' name, it is Jesus Himself we are touching. — See more at www.catholicsteward.com/blog/

Contributions for September 16

Envelopes/Sobres:	\$13,602.50
Plate/Canasta:	\$ 1,112.00
Maintenance-Upkeep:	\$ 329.50
Latin America Apostolate:	\$ 1,283.44

Christmas in October

Our Christmas in October service day will be on Saturday, October 13. You can sign up to volunteer in the gathering space or online. For questions or more information, contact Chuck Stinger at 816-868-7323.



Plan Your Legacy and Receive Income Charitable Gift Annuity

The diocese sponsors a charitable gift annuity program for donors 65 or older willing to make a gift of at least \$5,000 that will eventually pass to a parish, ministry or the diocese. In return for a gift that will pass after death, a charitable gift annuity generates fixed payments for life to you (and/or someone you designate). The annuity will replace and may increase the cash flow from the assets used to fund it.

How does it work?

The annuity is a simple contract between you and the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph. Annuity payments are a general obligation of the diocese. You may fund your annuity with cash or appreciated property. All property accepted to fund a gift annuity is invested by the diocese to support annuity payments. The amount you receive as income is determined by the amount you contribute and your age; the older you are, the higher your payment rate. Gift annuity rates are those set by the Board of the American Council of Gift Annuities. Payments are generally made quarterly.

Tax Treatment

- If you are one of the annuitants and you fund the annuity with appreciated securities, there is no upfront capital gains tax.
- Your initial contribution is eligible for a charitable tax deduction, if your tax situation allows.
- A portion of each payment is a tax-free return of your principal. If funded with appreciated securities, the taxable portion is taxed at the capital gain rates.

For more information and a personalized illustration, contact **Laura Gray**, Director of Planned Giving, 816-714-2363 or gray@diocesekcsj.org. Please consult with your own attorney and other professional advisors regarding your personal tax and financial situation.

Altar Server Training

Training for new altar servers will begin on Tuesday, October 2, 2018 at 7:00 PM in the church. Parish youth aged 4th grade and up are encouraged to train as altar servers. We especially need altar servers for the 4:00 Saturday and 8:00 Sunday Masses. You may sign up for training by returning the bottom portion of the flyer sent home with PSR students. Extra flyers are in the gathering space. Or, you may sign up on the website at www.stsabinaparish.org and click "New Server Training Registration."

Contact Susan Ratigan in the parish office at 979-3158 or susan@stsabinaparish.org for more information.



Youth Ministry/Young Adults

Youth News

Thursday Morning Donuts! Every Thursday that Belton High School is in session, Kirstie will have donuts and a little prayer for High School youth heading to school. The Youth Office doors will open at 6:55am for kids to stop in on their way to school.

Junior High Youth Group! Your next meetings will be Wednesdays, October 3 and 17 at 7pm. Looking forward to seeing you there!

High School Youth Bonfire! On October 7th we will pack up the youth group and head to a parishioner's land for a bonfire party! We will leave St. Sabina at 7pm and return at 9pm. We will have hotdogs, s'mores, cocoa and a woodsy maze as well as some glow in the dark games. We have approximately 40 kids in the youth group and will need help from parents to drive them to and from the event. Parents are asked to please contact Kirstie Roberts to sign up to be a driver. Everyone must have a permission slip and please note that this event is for our youth group only. There is no charge for this activity.

Confirmation Candidates! Your first sponsor night will be Wednesday, October 10 at 7pm. If you don't have a sponsor yet, or if your sponsor can't make it, you are still expected to be there!!



Child Safety

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Jenifer Valenti, at 816.812.2500 or JeniferValenti@att.net, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Victim Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011 or chastain@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

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



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, 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 and harsh. Trust God who longs always to uphold your life.**

Biagio Mazza
Pastoral Associate

Readings



Bible Study

Sunday, September 23

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 30

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

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 23 and Oct 14 at 10:30am in the conference room.** All are welcome; bring a Bible. To register, call Biagio at 816-979-3153.



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Reflexión Sobre las Lecturas



El 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, de 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, disensión 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 atemperar 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.

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

Lecturas



Lecturas del Domingo, 23 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, 30 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

Ministerio Juvenil/Información

Noticias Juveniles

Donas los Jueves por la Mañana! Cada jueves que Belton High School tiene clases, Kirstie tendrá donas y hará oraciones con los jóvenes de High School antes de ir a la escuela. Las puertas de la Oficina de la Juventud se abrirán a las 6:45am para que los jóvenes pasen antes de la escuela.

¡Grupo de Jóvenes de 7º y 8º Grados! Sus próximas reuniones serán los miércoles, 3 y 17 de octubre a las 7 p.m. ¡Allí los esperamos!

Fogata para los Jóvenes de la High School! ¡El 7 de octubre reuniremos al grupo de jóvenes y nos iremos al terreno de un feligres para una fogata! Saldremos de Sta. Sabina a las 7pm y regresaremos a las 9pm. Habrá hotdogs, s'mores, chocolate y un laberinto silvestre, así como algunos juegos fosforescentes. Tenemos aproximadamente 40 niños en el grupo de jóvenes y necesitaremos la ayuda de los padres para conducirlos hacia y desde el evento. Se pide a los padres que se pongan en contacto con Kirstie Roberts para que se inscriban como conductores. Todos deben tener un permiso y por favor tenga en cuenta que este evento es solo para nuestro grupo de jóvenes. No hay costo para esta actividad.

¡Candidatos de la Confirmación! Su primera noche de padrinos será el miércoles, 10 de octubre a las 7 p.m. Si aun no tienes un padrino, o si tu padrino no puede asistir, ¡todavía se espera que estés allí!

Seguridad Infantil

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

- 1) Llame a línea directa de Abuso Infantil en Missouri al 1.800.392.3738 (si la victima tiene menos de 18 años de edad).
- 2) Póngase en contacto con su departamento de policía local o llame al 911.
- 3) Después de informarle a las autoridades de la orden civil y de leyes, reporte el abuso sexual del menor o del adulto vulnerable al Defensor del Pueblo Diocesano, Jenifer Valenti, al 816.812.2500 o a su correo electrónico, jennifervalenti@att.net, si el abuso implica a un sacerdote, diacono, empleado o voluntario de la Diócesis de Kansas City-St. Joseph.

La Diócesis tiene un sincero compromiso con los recursos del cuidado y la curación para las victimas de abuso sexual y a sus familias. Por favor póngase en contacto con la Defensora de Victimas, Kathleen Chastain al 816.392.0011 o chastain@diocesekcsj.org para mas información.

Todas las personas que son voluntarios con los jóvenes ó niños de nuestra parroquia deben atender a un taller llamado Protegiendo a los Niños de Dios, también necesitaran someterse a una verificación de antecedentes y deberán firmar la póliza sobre Éticas e Integridad en el Ministerio (EIM). Más información en <https://kcsicatholic.org/the-office-of-child-and-youth-protection/>



- ¿Se te hace difícil comunicarte con tus hijos?
- ¿Se te hace difícil controlar su carácter?
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Taller para Padres

Como Puedo Fortalecer Las Relaciones En Mi Familia

Te Invitamos que recibas el taller para Padres en una sección de 4 clases en Octubre 03, 10, 17 y 24 de 6:00-7:30 p.m. En el Salón # 8 del área de la escuela de la Iglesia Santa Sabina

700 Trevis Ave. Belton, MO. 64012

Puedes inscribirte en la hoja de registro en el área de reunion de la iglesia o llamando al 816-979-3150 con Berenice.

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Donaciones por Internet

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Clases de Inglés Comienzan el 25 de Septiembre

Nuestras clases de inglés como segundo idioma se reanudarán el martes, 25 de septiembre a las 7pm en el salón Juan Diego del área de educación. Si está interesado en asistir, debe inscribirse en las clases por adelantado. Si no hay suficientes registros, estas clases se cancelarán. Para registrarse, inscribise en el espacio de reunión, llame a la oficina parroquial o envíe un correo electrónico a Kris a kris@stsabinaparish.org.

Navidad en Octubre

Nuestro día de servicio de Navidad en Octubre será el sábado, 13 de octubre. Puede inscribirse como voluntario en el espacio de reunión o en línea. Para preguntas o más información, comuníquese con Chuck Stinger al 816-868-7323 (inglés) o a la oficina en español.

Clase de Convalidación Matrimonial

El sábado, 6 de octubre, de 4 a 8pm, ofreceremos una clase para parejas que desean que sus matrimonios sean bendecidos en la iglesia. Esta clase será para parejas que tienen 10 años o más de matrimonio civil. Esta clase se llevará a cabo en la sala de conferencias fuera del salón parroquial. Para registrarse, llame a Kris Larkey al 816-979-3151. Para obtener más información, también puede comunicarse con Mauro y Teresa Hernández al 816-547-1093.

Platicas Pre-Bautismales - 13 de Octubre

Normalmente cada segundo Sábado del mes de las 10 am a la 1 pm. (Sólo para niños de 0-6 años.) Salón doble del área de educación. Para niños mayores de 7 años requerirán una formación especial.

PRÓXIMOS BAUTISMOS: Llamar a Kris al 816-979-3151. Favor de llenar su aplicación para asistir a las platicas con anterioridad. **No se ofrece cuidado de niños**

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Jhoselyn Velazco Canela, la hija de Alfredo Velazco y Lizeth Canela

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¡Gracias a nuestros catequistas, por comprometer su tiempo a la formación de nuestros jóvenes!

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23 DE SEPTIEMBRE DE 2018

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Marcos 9:37



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