Saint Sabina Catholic Church

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

Last weekend, our Salvadoran community sold pupusas in the rain to raise funds for our annual Romero Celebration. Thanks to all who purchased pupusas!

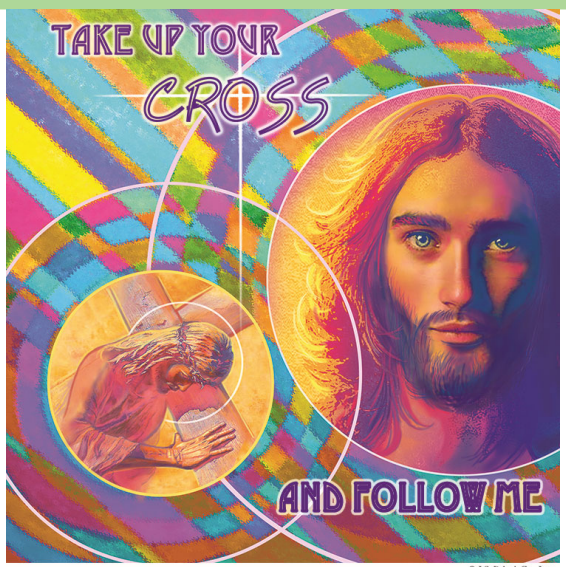
Mass Times

Saturday: 4:00pm in English

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

Confessions: Saturdays, 3:00-3:30pm

Visit our website for Holy Day and special Mass times.



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Twenty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time **September 3, 2017**

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Intentions for September 4-8, 2017

Mon.	NO MASS OR SERVICE	
Tues.	6pm	†Austin Richards
Wed.	10:30am	†Ann Woodard (Beautiful Savior)
Thurs.	8am	†Msgr. Joseph Anthony Mancuso
Fri.	8am	†Fr. Bernard Branson

Saturday, September 9, 2017

4:00pm †George Pruitt

Sunday, September 10, 2017

8:00am	Intentions of the Parish Family
10:30am	†Joe Falco Sr.
12:30pm Spanish	†Diego Estrada Gonzalez
	†Natividad Meza

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

†Georgia "Ann" Woodard, mother of Gennifer Armstrong and Shannon Degrasse

†Charmel Phyllis Richert, mother of George C. Richert, Richelle Ranch, and Cherie Bost

†Austin Richards, son of Patricia Smith

Calendar/Parish Happenings

Sunday, September 3 - Domingo, 3 de Septiembre

10:00am	Talleres de Oración y Vida
11:00am	Ensayo del Coro Hispano

Monday, September 4 - Lunes, 4 de Septiembre

Labor Day—Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, September 5 - Martes, 5 de Septiembre

7:00am	Youth Prayer Group
7:00pm	ESL/Inglés Como Segunda Lengua
7:00pm	Pequeñas Comunidades Cristianas

Wednesday, September 6 - Miércoles, 6 de Septiembre

9:00am	Legion of Mary
10:30am	Mass at Beautiful Savior
7:00pm	Choir Practice (4:00 and 10:30 Groups)
7:00pm	Knights Business Meeting

Thursday, September 7 - Jueves, 7 de Septiembre

9:30am	Quilters
7:00pm	RCIA/RICA

Friday, September 8 - Viernes, 8 de Septiembre

No Scheduled Events

Saturday, September 9 - Sábado, 9 de Septiembre

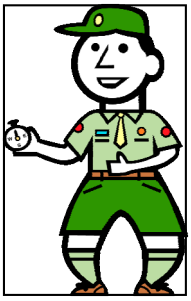
10:00am	Platicas Pre-bautismales
10:00am	Platicas Matrimoniales
3:00pm	Confessions
5:00pm	SCC Pot-Luck

Sunday, September 10 - Domingo, 10 de Septiembre

8:00am	Blood Drive
10:00am	Talleres de Oración y Vida
10:30am	Bible Study
11:00am	Ensayo del Coro Hispano

Discover the South Pacific with Fr. Jeff

Travel to the South Pacific with Fr. Jeff where you will get to see the Great Barrier Reef, the Sydney Opera House, Auckland and Milford Sound, New Zealand, and more. Information packets are available in the gathering space.



Boy Scouts

Do you have a son or a grandson, first grade or older, that would be interested in getting involved in scouting? Contact Rodney Stoverink (rstoverink@gmail.com or 816-729-6945) or Corey Pointer (coreypointer@att.net or 816-719-1108) for information!

Getting to Know Your Faith Session on the Book of Revelation – Monday Evening, Sept 18, 2017, 7-8:30 PM

The book of Revelation is one of the most misunderstood and misinterpreted books of the bible. Because the book's literary style and approach is so far removed from our way of articulating realities, interpretation of its message has varied so much that many people are often confused.

This Getting to Know Your Faith Session will seek to understand the cultural, political and religious context of the community that produced this unique book. We will explore the mind and intention of its author, trying to uncover the message being proclaimed, along with its unique literary style.

Further, we will explore if the message is still relevant for our day and time, along with any practical applications for Christian living that can be derived from the book.

Bring an open, inquiring mind, a Bible, and anyone you think would benefit from our communal exploration of one of the more intriguing books of the Bible. The session will be facilitated by Biagio Mazza, Pastoral Associate, St. Sabina Parish, Belton, MO.

Blood Drive—September 10

Please share your gift of life with local hospital patients who need it by donating at the next Community Blood Center blood drive. The blood drive will be held in the gym on Sunday, September 10, 8am-1pm. To make an appointment online, visit **esavealifenow.org** and use **Sponsor Code: saintsabina**.

Parish Happenings

16th Annual Paul Vargo Golf Tournament

The Knights of Columbus would like to invite all parishioners to join us for the 16th Annual Paul Vargo Golf Tournament. It will be held on September the 16th at Eagles Landing Golf Course at 11 am. Registration forms are in the gathering space. Entry fee is $75 per person, or $300 for a team of 4. This includes lunch and dinner, door prizes, contests, raffles and more. You can also sponsor a cart for $25 or a hole for $100. Please join in the fun and help raise money for our parish, our community, and the Special Olympics. Mail Registration forms to:

Knights of Columbus
C/O David Pierce
918 Ridge Dr
Belton, MO 64012

Questions? Call or text David Pierce 816-392-1110 or email at piercehobbits@sbcglobal.net

SCC Pot Luck Dinner - September 9th

All SCC members and their families, along with anyone interested in learning more about SCC, are invited to a pot-luck dinner on Saturday, September 9th at 5:00pm in the parish hall. Please RSVP to Biagio at 816-979-3153 or biagio@stsabinaparish.org.

SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES are groups of Christians who gather on a regular basis to build community among themselves while at the same time reaching out in concern and justice to others. Community building and manifesting God's love to others are the two feet that keep small Christian communities grounded.

Prayer, Scripture study and Faith sharing leading to action on behalf of others are the activities that most characterize SCC.

PRAYER focuses the role and function of any SCC group. It brings unity to the group, as well as grounds them in their mission to build community and to evangelize through their reaching out to others in love.

FAITH SHARING involves each member in connecting their faith and everyday life. Their faith reflection challenges them to discern how God is present and operating in their life experiences. Sharing those reflections with others enables trust, bonding and strong communities to form.

Current SCC Groups

Core Leader	Meeting Time	Meeting	Contact Number	Contact Email
Jim Agnew	**Monday PM**	**Homes**	**816-331-1427**	**agnewjedward@gmail.com**
Members include: Jim and Peg Agnew, Sheila Birkner, Elaine Christopher, Jerry and Carolyn Folz, Peter Henry, Quin Henry, Teresa Kelly and Ann Ryan				
Nancy Amfahr	**Tuesday PM**	**Homes**	**816-322-3230**	**nandamfahr@yahoo.com**
Members include: Dale and Nancy Amfahr, John and Cecelia Berryman, Bob and Mary Kottenbrock, Don and Marilynn Grieb, and Hermie Timmons				
Sonja Bornheimer	**Thursday PM**	**Homes**	**816-718-1664**	**jbornh5703@aol.com**
Members include: Jim and Sonja Bornheimer, Mary Ann Long, Joe and Lois Pusateri, Cheryl Dennis, Teri Milbourn and Stephanie Reynolds				
Kathy Griggs	**Sunday AM**	**Day Chapel**	**816-322-7945**	**katgr317@gmail.com**
Members include: Cathy Davis, Kathy Griggs, Annette Motsinger, Terri Standley, Gary Prendergast and Jo Rangel				
Joe Lager	**Monday AM**	**Day Chapel**	**816-331-5333**	**fjlag6717@msn.com**
Members Include: Ilene Burns, Joe Lager, Terry McDaniel, Terry Richards, Jerry and Jan Stella, Lois Stogsdill, Rita Stout, Anita Barton, Larry and Carolyn Foster and Donna Sullivan				
Al Gebauer	**Thursday AM**	**Homes**	**816-331-1455**	**gwp113@gmail.com**
Members Include: Tom and Priscilla Moran, Par Castaneda, Denise Gates, Terry McDaniel, Al and Kathleen Gebauer, Charles and Melba Mercier, and George and Helen Panebianco				
Jim Ruffini	**Tuesday AM**	**Education Wing**	**816-331-0643**	**jruffini1620@gmail.com**
Members include: Dick Bell, Stephanie Gunn, Sally Coshun, Margaret Vargo, Don Hemmen, Stella Niemeier, Tom and Ernestine Iseman, Jim and Nancy Ruffini and Pat Ohnemus				

Stewardship

"Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life? For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct.'"

Matthew 16: 24-27

This is Jesus telling us straight out that we have two choices in life: to be God-centered or self-centered. Our faith does not pamper us; it makes demands of us. This challenge to our beliefs is another sign of the renewal of mind, the transformation, which we must experience every day, sometimes multiple times in a day. The whole point is that rather than yield to our own desires, we need to yield to God's will, and what He is calling us to do. Jeremiah and even the Lord understand and experience that it is the will of God which needs to judge how we live and what we do. — See more at www.catholicsteward.com/blog/

Contributions for August 20

Envelopes/Sobres:	$10,846.00
Plate/Canasta:	$ 642.94
Maintenance-Upkeep:	$ 427.37
Sound System:	$ 50.00
Diocesan Life and Justice:	$ 1,524.85

Contributions for August 27

Envelopes/Sobres:	$ 9,045.50
Plate/Canasta:	$ 1,052.61
Maintenance-Upkeep:	$ 551.00

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.

Green Team Tip of the Week

Recycle your household hazardous waste 8am-noon Sept. 9 at Eagle Glen Intermediate School http://www.recyclespot.org/HHW/Mobile-Events.aspx

Donating Securities and Mutual Funds

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

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

Community Garden Harvest

The Community Garden recently harvested 28 lbs of tomatoes, peppers and okra for the Uplift Cooks. Please join us at 9am Wednesday and Saturday mornings to help feed the hungry.

Christmas in October—Oct 14

Please save the date for our Christmas in October workday this year on Saturday, October 14th. We will need lots of volunteers, and especially house captains, so that we can help many people this year. Sign-up to volunteer today in the gathering space.

Dick Bell Retiring

I will be retiring from playing the organ on Sunday, September 3. I have been playing the organ for 45 years and it is time for me to quit. My hands have been cramping a lot lately making it hard to play. I thank the parish for supporting me over the years and especially the choir members. Debbie, Patté and I have been together most of that time. I will miss them. I will be coming to 10:30 Mass with my wife, finally. God bless all. Dick Bell

Thank you, Dick, for your many years of service!

Area Information

Job Opening at Catholic Charities

Full-time Executive Administrative Assistant at Kansas City, MO Office of Catholic Charities of KCSJ – 850 Main St. KCMO 64105

- Manages a variety of administrative duties for the CEO and COO that include: preparing confidential correspondence; completing expense reports; preparing check requests; presentations and meeting agendas; and coordination of travel plans.
- Assists CEO in managing daily meeting requests and CEO calendar.
- Maintain files required by CEO and COO
- Special projects.

Required Background:

- High School Diploma, Associates degree preferred
- At least 3 years' experience supporting C-level executives
- Proficient in Microsoft Office software
- Experienced problem solver that proactively seeks solutions to complex issues and concerns

For further information and to apply online go to catholiccharitieskcsj.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 October 13 at the Grand Street Plaza with a silent and live auction and dinner. Tickets are $150 per person. For more information visit bowtiesforbabies.com or call 816-931-5378. Also visit www.alexandrashouse.com to learn more about this special ministry.

"COPING WITH LIFE ALONE" Peer-To-Peer Grief Support *"COPING WITH LIFE ALONE ®"* is a *Beginning Experience* ® grief support program that meets each week for 7 weeks. The program helps those who have lost a love relationship due to death, divorce or separation, move through the experience of grief and loss into a future with renewed hope.

UPCOMING PROGRAM DATES AND LOCATIONS: Kansas City, MO – beginning September 17, and will run for 7 consecutive Sundays, at St Patrick Parish, 1357 NE 42nd Terrace, KCMO. Contact Donna at (816-305-3760), for information and registration. Sessions will be from 2-4pm.

happy birthday

Robert Alvarez
Carmina Arroyo
David Avila
Megan Avila
Prudencio Ayala
Vera Barrera
Alexander Biondo
Dayana Cabrera
Teresa Caesar
Lorenzo Cano
Emma Canton
Anthony Cervantes
Javier Chavez
Mary Coleman
Vincent Como
Jonathan Coots
Reina Coreas
Richard Fields
Joseph Foster
Julio Garcia
Bruno Garrido
Emma Gomez
Obdulia Guerrero
Marco Guillermo
Heather Hadley
Beth Hansel
Kevin Hernandez
Sandra Hiesberger
Matthew Hille
Renee Hogard-Robbins
Randy Horstman
Yeiny Iruegas
Jim Jursch
Marilyn Keating
Celine Keesoon
Jennifer Lagunes
Alonso Lopez
Ivonne Lucho
Rosemary Malena
Vicki Malisos
Luis Martin
Ramona Martinez
Reece McClish
Haylee McDaniel
Christopher McDaniel
Georgia Meakins
Carla Mena
Louis Mendiola
Don Miller
Linda Mueller
John Murphy
Maria Najera
Connie Nation
Maria Negrete
Andrzej Oczko
Gustavo Olivas
James Oliver
Owen Olson
Jacqueline Olvera
Wendy Ortiz
Marisol Osorio
Jaime Pimentel
Lucenda Pinon
Gunnar Poland
Sean Regnier
Rosita Reyes
Angel Reyes
Michael Richardson
Cynthia Rickard
Quinten Ripley
Christopher Rivas
Carol Ryan
Jared Samson
Natividad SanJuan
Jacob Sargert
Dalton Schoenberger
Margaret Sell
Emily Sigman
Kristie Silkwood
Susan Sirocka
Carolyn Squires
Donna Stanley
Jose Torres
Elena Tracy
Sophia Vargas
Damian Vargas
Kevin Xalanda

Happy Anniversary

John and Mary Cikan	47 Years!	9/7/1970
Patrick and Jill Heinerikson	33 Years!	9/8/1984
Carlos and Ana Contreras	26 Years!	9/7/1991
Tom and Teresa Baldwin	25 Years!	9/5/1992
Victor and Irma Vieyra	23 Years!	9/9/1994
Dave and Diane Keith	20 Years!	9/6/1997
Robert and Victoria Lynn	18 Years!	9/4/1999
Elvyn and Maria Fiallos	18 Years!	9/10/1999
Jose and Moraima Martinez	17 Years!	9/10/2000
Corey and Kimberly Pointer	16 Years!	9/8/2001
Dale and Nancy Amfahr	15 Years!	9/7/2002
Jason and Danielle Weeks	13 Years!	9/4/2004
Joshua and Elizabeth Giacone	13 Years!	9/9/2004
James and Emily Simms	7 Years!	9/7/2010
Teodulo and Dolores Aguilar	6 Years!	9/4/2011
Michael and Karen Grantham	4 Years!	9/7/2013
Andrew and Brook Hoy	2 Years!	9/5/2015

Pastoral Care

Nursing Home Mass Schedule

Sept 6	10:30am	Beautiful Savior
Sept 13	10:00am	Redwood of Raymore
Sept 20	10:00am	Foxwood Springs

Hospitalized?

If you are hospitalized and would like us to know, please call or have a family member call us. Contact Marta in the parish office at 816-979-3154. Due to privacy laws, hospitals cannot contact us.

St. Sabina "Adult Grief Recovery Group" Registration Deadline: Monday, September 11th

We are currently taking registrations for our six week Adult Grief Recovery Group. This group will begin on Monday, September 18 from 6:30-8pm 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 in the parish office at 816-979-3154 or by email at marta@stsabinaparish.org.

Help after the heartache of abortion: Project Rachel—Unfailing Mercy Retreat, Sept. 22-24-17

This retreat is open to both men and women. Project Rachel is ready to care for those who are hurting. To register, please call Teresa at 816-591-3804 or email projectrachel@diocesekcsj.org. Complete confidentiality is assured.

Prayer Requests/Peticiones de Oración

Jim Agnew
Bill Aldridge
Armando Alarcon
Diane Atchison
Marilyn Avalos
Polleth Bautista
Nikki Barrett
Pauline Bellm
John Bidondo
Fran Birkner
Ramon Caratachea
Nancy Christian
Steve Circo
Anna Clark
Kristen Conner
Helen Cook
Joseph Coots
Paul DeMar
Nolan Dickerson
Frances DiGeorge
Argentina Meza Dubon
Carol Eckford
Brian Effertz
Terry Eppert
Joan Feeback
Butch Ford
Larry Foster
Luis Franco
Emily Frezza
Dick Garnier
June Glunt
Karen Grantham
Laverne Harlow
Amber Hartenbower
Bonnie Haskins
Cherie Hatfield
Bob Heffernan
Bart Henke
Rhonda Henke
Pam Kelleher
Mary Carol King
Donna Kozar
John Lally
Susan Lewis
Beverly Little
Bill Locke
Debbie Locke
Jo Locke
Denise Mehlo
Leonard Meiron
Harry Muench
Joan Muench
Bella Nouryeh
Jane Nouryeh
Rick Orey
Thelma Palmer
Dee Raya
Patricia Rellihan
Ann Ryan
Yvonne Salmon
Jo Ann Shrout
Shelline Smoot
Larry Spencer
Marie Stinger
Jim Storm
Leo Storm
Mary Jane Storm
Jean Tate
Ruth Tayler
Angel Thomas
Bruce Thompson
Priscilla Tristani
Eduardo Vasquez
Sunny Vigil
Mary Westfall
Marie Wilburn
Jeannette Woolworth
Merle Woolworth
Carmitia Yust
Pablo Zayas

Wellness Center

Did You Know a positive attitude helps you cope more easily with the daily affairs of life and can improve your health? It brings optimism into your life, and makes it easier to avoid worries and negative thinking. If you adopt it as a way of life, it will bring constructive changes into your life and make you happier and healthier.

With a positive attitude, you can see the brighter side of life. You become optimistic and expect the best to happen. It is a state of mind that is well worth developing.

A positive attitude manifests in the following ways:

- Positive thinking and creative thinking
- Motivation and energy to do things and accomplish goals
- An attitude of happiness and gratefulness

A positive frame of mind can help you in many ways, such as:

- Expecting success and not failure
- Feeling inspired
- Strength to not give up when you encounter obstacles
- It makes you look at failures and problems as blessings in disguise

A positive attitude leads to happiness and success and can change your whole life. If you look at the brighter side of life, your whole life becomes filled with light. This light affects not only you and the way you look at the world, but it also affects your environment and the people around you. If this attitude is strong enough, it becomes contagious. It's as if you radiate light around you. Be bold, shine your positive light!!

Wellness Center Class Schedule

Monday:	CLOSED
Tuesday:	Stretch & Strength 1-2pm
	Gentle Stretch & Strength 2-3pm
	Circuit Training 6-7pm
Wednesday:	Intermediate Yoga 1-2pm
	Gentle Yoga 2-3pm
	Restorative Yoga 6-7pm
Thursday:	Stretch & Strength 1-2pm
	Gentle Stretch & Strength 2-3pm
	Yoga 6-7pm
Friday:	Intermediate Yoga 1-2pm
	Gentle Yoga 2-3pm
	ReFit® 6-7pm

School of Religion/Youth Ministry

Volunteer Opportunities

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

Uplift Cooks! Anyone who would like to help prepare a meal for the homeless is welcome to join our team on the 4th Monday of each month at 10am in the gym. We recommend that you bring a good cutting knife, vegetable peeler and can opener. **Our next cooking date is Monday, September 25th.**

Harvesters! This local food bank provides food to needy families around the KC area. Volunteers are needed to help sort food donations and pack weekend food bags for kids in our community. We will be taking a group of 5 people on the third Thursday of each month. **Our next date is September 21st, 6-8pm.** If you would like to volunteer, call or email Kirstie in the Youth Office.

Community Meals Lord of Love Lutheran Church offers a free meal to the community each Wednesday. Every third Wednesday of the month St. Sabina volunteers help prepare, serve and clean up in an effort to work together with other Christians to carry out Christ's work. **Our next volunteer date is September 20th.** Contact Berenice Zayas for more information or to sign up at 816-979-3150 or berenice@stsabinaparish.org.

Child Safety

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

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

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

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

High School Youth and College Youth!

The National Catholic Youth Conference is coming soon, November 16th-19th! We will be registering youth to go on this amazing trip to Indianapolis until September 18th. Contact Kirstie Roberts in the Youth Office to get an information and registration packet!

Parish School of Religion!

We are now accepting registrations for PSR. Registration forms can be picked up in the gathering space or found on the parish website. Classes will begin September 17th. Children entering 2nd grade are eligible for the sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion this year and youth entering 10th grade or older are eligible for the sacrament of Confirmation. Information packets about the sacraments will be sent upon receipt of registration. We look forward to sharing your children's faith journey this school year!

Substitute Teachers Needed!

If anyone is available to occasionally help out in a PSR classroom, please contact Kirstie Roberts in the Youth Office. All volunteers must meet the Diocesan requirements to work with children.

Reflection on the Readings

In a great championship competition such as the Olympic Games or the World Series, we marvel at the great feats that a human body can do when pushed to its limits. As we marvel at this great passion and success, we often forget the demanding discipline needed to be the best ever. *The passion for greatness demands much from any person. Some are willing to pay the cost. Others are not.*

The same is true in discipleship. Today's readings speak of this reality in stark terms. *To be a disciple involves suffering and possibly even death. There is no other road for disciples. This message to disciples cannot be more stark.* What Jesus experienced in his journey of fidelity to God's values and intentions is the same reality in store for any disciple.

Jeremiah, a most passionate prophet, laments that "the word of the Lord has brought me derision and reproach all the day." Being attuned to the cost of his prophetic vocation, Jeremiah swears off being a prophet declaring that "I will not mention him, I will speak in his name no more." However, passion and yearning for the Lord cannot be bottled up or ignored for "it becomes like fire burning in my heart...I grow weary holding it in." *Being faithful to his relationship with God and to his call to speak God's word is much more important for Jeremiah then the cost and suffering such fidelity entails.*

The refrain from responsorial Psalm 63 sums up the passion of discipleship: "My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God." All true disciples are so dedicated and passionate about their vision and mission on behalf of others that they are willing to suffer much. Such striving brings its own rewards and fulfillment. *Desire and yearning for the Lord, along with concern for others, override any difficulties that disciples might encounter along the way.*

Paul's letter to the Romans succinctly encourages disciples "to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God." This willingness to give ourselves fully to God's cause demands great discipline and sacrifice. Paul stresses that such sacrifice will lead to the disciple's transformation, enabling the disciple to "discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect." *New life, light, and vision only come when one is willing to give all over to the Lord and to serve others with justice.*

***In the gospel**, Jesus goes out of his way to school his followers in the cost of discipleship.* "Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly." Peter's reaction to suffering is natural. Yet Jesus responds sharply to Peter for not realizing or being willing to accept the cost of discipleship: "whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me." *To requite our yearning for God we must be willing to let go and allow God to lead and direct us. Letting go is risky, scary and costs much.*

Often we are caught between trying to be faithful disciples and trying to do things the easy way. *Discipleship, by its very nature, demands that we take "the road less traveled," the road that consistently manifests concern for others above and beyond self.* Our culture often considers such a "road" to be utter foolishness or nonsense. Yet the path that Jesus modeled for us is the one that leads to the cross. Taking up one's cross does not mean seeking suffering for its own sake but rather expresses our willingness to give all that it takes for the sake of the other. *If we are serious about our concern for justice and for the dignity and rights of the other, then we are assured that it will indeed lead to the cross.*

How much are you willing to endure in your desire and yearning for God? *As a disciple of Christ, how far are you willing to go "to act justly, to love tenderly, and to serve one another?" Ask God for the grace and courage to be true, faithful disciples, no matter the cost.*

Biagio Mazza
Pastoral Associate

Readings

Sunday, September 3
1st Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9
Psalm: Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (2b)
2nd Reading: Romans 12:1-2
Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

Sunday, September 10
1st Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9
Psalm: Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)
2nd Reading: Romans 13:8-10
Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

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 September 10th and 24th 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

En una gran competición de campeonato, como los Juegos Olímpicos o la Serie Mundial, nos maravillamos de las grandes hazañas que un cuerpo humano puede hacer cuando es empujado a sus límites. A medida que nos maravillamos de esta gran pasión y éxito, a menudo nos olvidamos de la exigente disciplina necesaria para ser el mejor de todos los tiempos. *La pasión por la grandeza exige mucho de cualquier persona. Algunos están dispuestos a pagar el costo. Otros no .*

Lo mismo ocurre en el discipulado. Las lecturas de hoy hablan de esta realidad en términos crudos. *Ser discípulo implica sufrimiento e incluso muerte. No hay otro camino para los discípulos. Este mensaje a los discípulos no puede ser más severo.* Lo que Jesús experimentó en su camino de fidelidad a los valores e intenciones de Dios es la misma realidad que está a la espera de cualquier discípulo.

Jeremías, un profeta muy apasionado, lamenta que "por anunciar la palabra del Señor, me he convertido en objeto de oprobio y de burla todo el día". Estando al corriente del costo de su vocación profética, Jeremías renuncia ser profeta declarando que "Ya no me acordaré del Señor ni hablaré más en su nombre." Sin embargo, la pasión y el anhelo por el Señor no pueden ser embotellados ni ignorados porque se convierte "como fuego ardiente, encerrado en mis huesos…" no puede contenerlo. *Ser fiel a su relación con Dios y su llamado a hablar La palabra de Dios es mucho más importante para Jeremías que el costo y el sufrimiento de tal fidelidad implica.*

El refrán del salmo responsorial resume la pasión del discipulado: "Mi alma está sedienta de ti, Señor, Dios mío". Todos los verdaderos discípulos son tan dedicados y apasionados acerca de su visión y misión en nombre de otros que están dispuestos a sufrir mucho. Este esfuerzo trae consigo sus propias recompensas y satisfacción. *El deseo y el anhelo por el Señor, junto con la preocupación por los demás, anulan cualquier dificultad que los discípulos puedan encontrar en el camino.*

La carta de Pablo a los Romanos anima sucintamente a los discípulos a que "ofrezcan ustedes mismos como una ofrenda viva, santa y agradable a Dios". Esta disposición a darnos plenamente a la causa de Dios exige una gran disciplina y sacrificio. Pablo subraya que tal sacrificio conducirá a la transformación del discípulo, permitiendo al discípulo "distinguir cuál es la voluntad de Dios, lo qué es bueno , lo que le agrada, lo perfecto." *La vida, la luz y la visión nuevas vienen solamente cuando uno está dispuesto a dar todo al Señor y servir a otros con justicia*.

***En el evangelio**, Jesús asegura de que sus seguidores entienden bien el costo del discipulado.* "Comenzó Jesús a anunciar a sus discípulos que tenía que ir a Jerusalén para padecer allí mucho". La reacción de Pedro al sufrimiento es natural. Sin embargo, Jesús responde agudamente a Pedro por no darse cuenta o estar dispuesto a aceptar el costo del discipulado: "El que quiera venir conmigo, que renuncie a sí mismo, que tome su cruz y me siga". *Para compensar nuestro anhelo por Dios debemos estar dispuestos a dejar ir y permitir que Dios nos guíe y nos dirija. Dejar ir es arriesgado, asustadizo y costoso.*

A menudo estamos atrapados entre tratar de ser discípulos fieles y tratar de hacer las cosas de la manera más fácil. *El discipulado, por su propia naturaleza, exige que tomemos "el camino menos recorrido", el camino que manifiesta consistentemente la preocupación por otros más allá de sí mismo.* Nuestra cultura muchas veces considera que tal "camino" es una tontería total. Sin embargo, el camino que Jesús modeló para nosotros es el que conduce a la cruz. Tomar la cruz no significa buscar el sufrimiento por sí mismo sino expresar nuestra voluntad de dar todo lo que se necesita por el bien del otro. *Si somos serios acerca de nuestra preocupación por la justicia y por la dignidad y los derechos del otro, entonces estamos seguros de que de hecho llevará a la cruz.*

¿Qué tanto está dispuesto a soportar en su deseo y anhelo por Dios? *Como discípulo de Cristo, ¿hasta qué punto está dispuesto a ir "a actuar con justicia, a amar con ternura y a servir a los demás?" Pide a Dios la gracia y el valor de ser discípulos verdaderos y fieles, sin importar el costo.*

Biagio Mazza
Asociado Pastoral

Lecturas

Lecturas del Domingo, 3 de Septiembre
Primera Lectura: Jeremías 20:7-9
Salmo: Salmo 62:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9
Segunda Lectura: Romanos 12:1-2
Evangelio: Mateo 16:21-27

Lecturas del Domingo, 10 de Septiembre
Primera Lectura: Ezequiel 33:7-9
Salmo: Salmo 94:1-2, 6-7, 8-9
Segunda Lectura: Romanos 13:8-10
Evangelio: Mateo 18:15-20

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DE RELIGIÓN

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Ya estamos aceptando registraciones para la Escuela de Religión. Las hojas de inscripción se encuentran en el espacio de reunión y en la pagina web de la Parroquia. Las clases comenzarán el 17 de septiembre. Ofrecemos catequesis para niños desde el kínder hasta la high school, y los niños que ingresan al 2do grado son elegibles para los sacramentos de Reconciliación y Comunión y los jóvenes que entran al 10o grado o mayores son elegibles para el sacramento de la Confirmación. Paquetes de información sobre los sacramentos serán enviados al recibir su inscripción. ¡Esperamos compartir el viaje de fe de sus hijos este año escolar!

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Platicas Matrimoniales - 9 y 16 de Septiembre

Platicas Matrimoniales ofrecerán los Sábados, 9 y 16 de Septiembre a las 10am-3pm en el cuarto de conferencia en el abajo del templo chico. Todas las parejas necesitan asistir los dos platicas. Para mas información, llame Martina y Abelardo Arreola a 816-269-4956 o Kris a 816-979-3151.

Información/Corresponsabilidad

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Todos los miembros de PCC y sus familias, junto con cualquier persona interesada en aprender más acerca de las PCC, están invitados a una cena de pot-luck el sábado 9 de septiembre a las 5:00 pm en el salón parroquial. Por favor de confirmar su asistencia con Kris al 816-979-3151 o kris@stsabinaparish.org.

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Celebración de Patrimonio Cultural—23 de Septiembre, 5pm

¡Comparta su cultura con nosotros, mientras celebramos la diversidad en nuestra familia parroquial!
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