

Saint Sabina Catholic Church

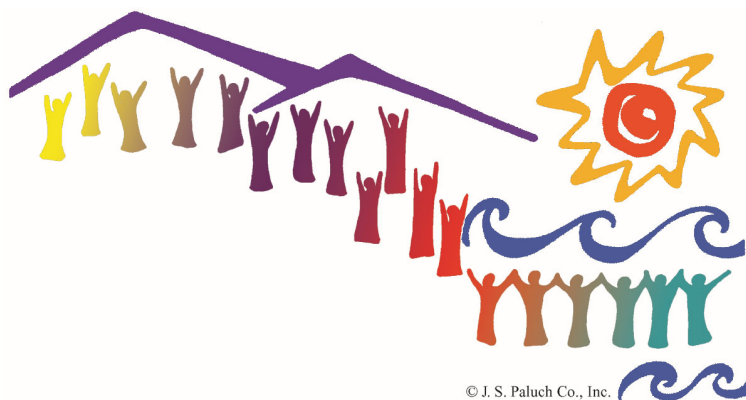
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Did you know that next year we will celebrate 75 years as a parish? Pictured is Maxine Bremer, who has been a parishioner since the beginning, and allowed us to record some of her stories from the past on August 24th. Her stories will be shared as we celebrate our big anniversary!



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.**

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 9, 2018

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Intentions for September 10-14, 2018

Mon.	8am	Communion Service
Tues.	6pm	†Beverly Little
Wed.	10am	†Billie Schmidt (Redwood of Raymore)
Thurs.	8am	†Theo Suwito
Fri.	8am	†Nick Henning

Saturday, September 15, 2018

4:00pm	†Nick Henning
	†Bob Cummings

Sunday, September 16, 2018

8:00am	†Cindy Prendergast
	†Robert N Sullivan
10:30am	Intentions of the Altar Society
12:30pm Spanish	†Julio Cedillo
	†Antonio Zavala Gonzalez

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

†**LaStacia Knoll**, daughter of Eric Knoll, granddaughter of Dorothy Knoll, sister of Ashley Skipton

†**Marina Arizpe-Jones**, wife of Chris Jones, daughter-in-law of Beth Jones



Calendar/Parish Happenings

Sunday, September 9 - Domingo, 9 de Septiembre

Tamale Sale/Venta de Tamales

10:30am Bible Study

11:00am Ensayo del Coro Hispano

2:00pm Protegiendo a Los Niños de Dios

Monday, September 10 - Lunes, 10 de Septiembre

6:30pm Cub Scout Den Meeting

7:00pm Boy Scouts

7:00pm Talleres de Oración y Vida

Tuesday, September 11 - Martes, 11 de Septiembre

2:00pm Blood Drive

7:00pm Green Team Meeting

7:00pm Ladies Auxiliary Meeting

7:00pm Living Stones

Wednesday, September 12 - Miércoles, 12 de Septiembre

9:00am Legion of Mary

10:00am Mass at Redwood of Raymore

6:00pm Cantor Practice

7:00pm Choir Practice (4:00 and 10:30 groups)

7:00pm Love Thy Neighbor Meeting

Thursday, September 13 - Jueves, 13 de Septiembre

6:45am High School Prayer and Donuts

9:30am Quilters

7:00pm Baptism Prep

7:00pm Cub Scout Committee Meeting

7:00pm RCIA/RICA

8:00pm Choir Practice (8:00 group)

Friday, September 14 - Viernes, 14 de Septiembre

9:00am Altar Society Church Cleaning

5:00pm Ensayo de Quince Años—Carolina Vargas

Saturday, September 15 - Sábado, 15 de Septiembre

Altar Society Sale/Venta de la Sociedad del Altar

12:00pm K of C Golf Tournament

1:00pm Quince Años—Carolina Vargas

3:00pm Confessions

Sunday, September 16 - Domingo, 16 de Septiembre

Altar Society Sale/Venta de la Sociedad del Altar

9:00am PSR/Parents Lounge

11:00am Ensayo del Coro Hispano

11:00am Escuela de Religión

7:00pm Confirmation and High School Youth Group

Knights Golf Tournament - September 15

Come play golf and join the fun at the Knights of Columbus 17th Annual Paul Vargo Golf Tournament at Eagles' Landing Golf Course in Belton on Saturday, September 15th! It's only \$75, which includes green fees, cart, lunch, BBQ buffet dinner, golf prizes and contests. If you don't play golf, be a sponsor (\$25 cart or \$100 hole). All proceeds will benefit the Missouri Special Olympics, our St. Sabina Youth Ministry, and Veterans Community Project (Tiny Homes).



Last year the funds raised were donated to the Missouri Special Olympics, our St. Sabina Youth Ministry, and St. Michael's Veterans Center. Please mail your check, payable to Knights of Columbus, for golf or sponsorship, to Bob Coshun, 310 Monroe Ave., Belton, MO 64012. For questions, please contact Bob Coshun at 816-304-0570. **Thanks in advance for your support!**

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.



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 by September 15 for \$25 or register at the door for \$30. For questions or info contact Joe Cummings, 913-544-7540 or Doug Thurman, 816-935-2393.

Blood Drive—September 11, 2-6pm

Our next blood drive will be on Tuesday, September 11th from 2-6pm in the gym. To make an appointment, visit esavealifenow.org and type in sponsor code saintsabina.

10 Facts about Blood Donations

1. Children being treated for cancer, premature infants, and children having heart surgery need blood and platelets from donors of all types.
2. Anemic patients need blood transfusions to increase their iron levels.
3. Cancer, transplant and trauma patients and patients undergoing open -heart surgery require platelet transfusions to survive.
4. Sickle cell disease is an inherited disease that affects more than 80,000 people in the United States, 98% of whom are of African descent. Some patients with complications from severe sickle cell disease receive blood transfusions every month – up to 4 pints at a time.
5. In the days following the September 11 attacks, a half a million people donated blood.
6. Females receive 53% of blood transfused; males receive 47%.
7. 94% of all blood donors are registered voters.
8. 60% of the US population is eligible to donate – only 5% do on a yearly basis.
9. 17% of non-donors cite “never thought about it” as the main reason for not giving, while 15% say they’re “too busy.” The #1 reason donors say they give is because they “want to help others.”
10. After donating blood, you replace these red blood cells within 3 to 4 weeks. It takes eight weeks to restore the iron lost after donating.

Baptism Prep - September 13 at 7pm

Baptism Preparation Class is scheduled for Thursday, September 13 at 7pm in the conference room of the parish hall. To register for this class, please contact Kris at 816-979-3151 for a baptism application, or download one from our website at <http://stsabinaparish.org/sacraments/>.

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.gocollette.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.

Retrouvaille - Help for Troubled Marriages

The Retrouvaille Program helps couples put the pieces of their marriage back together and rebuild loving relationships. Retrouvaille, meaning rediscovery, is a practical program about improving communication, building a stronger marriage and helping couples rediscover the love they had for each other. The next weekend will be November 16-18 at the Savior Pastoral Center in KCK. For information, please contact 800-470-2230 or helpourmarriage.org.

9/11 Remembrance Ceremony

All are welcome to attend the Annual Kansas City 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony on Tuesday, September 11 at the First Responder Memorial at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, 7601 Blue Ridge Blvd., KCMO. The American Legion Band will play at 5:30pm, followed by the ceremony at 6pm. The ceremony is hosted by the American Legion District 5, VFW District 5, DAV, Passantino Bros. Funeral Home, Muehlebach Funeral Care, and the Catholic Cemeteries of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

Green Team Tip of the Week

Saturday, Sept. 15, 2018: MPF Kansas City Native Plant Sale, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

At the Anita B. Gorman Discovery Center's Monarch Mania event, Missouri Wildflowers Nursery and potentially other vendors will sell a variety of natives, donating a generous portion of proceeds to MPF.



Information

This Week's Do You Know Video:

As we continue our series on the key principles of the Second Vatican Council, this week's video addresses the principle of Religious Freedom. For many centuries, the Catholic church was not comfortable at all with religious freedom, especially since the Protestant Reformation. The Catholic church believed itself to be the only true and legitimate religion and that all other religious expressions were wrong and did not lead to salvation. Since "error has no rights" the church insisted that world governments were to support and defend the truth of the church against all other religious expressions, even in countries where Catholicism was a minority religion. Vatican II participants, especially the US bishops, insisted that the best manner of operating was to separate church and state and to allow religious freedom of expression to all. Led by theologians like Jesuit John Courtney Murray, the bishop eventually approved the Declaration on Religious Freedom, *Dignitatis Humanae*. It clearly and boldly affirmed that each person has a God-given human dignity and right to freely choose each one's path to God without any coercions from any group, political, religious or otherwise. This right, enshrined in our American way of life, is now enshrined in official Catholic Vatican II teaching. Make time to view this week's DYK video to learn the fairly radical nature of the Vatican II principle of Religious Freedom, and how it continues to impact us to this day.



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/plasticcampaign). 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.



happy birthday

Happy Anniversary

Robert and Darlene Henderson	62 Years!	9/14/1956
Don and Margaret Bannerman	59 Years!	9/12/1959
Larry and Beckee Hart	54 Years!	9/12/1964
Randy and Teresa Davis	43 Years!	9/13/1975
Tom and Carol Lacy	39 Years!	9/15/1979
Dan and Tammy Barnes	22 Years!	9/14/1996
Richard and Julie McGurn	22 Years!	9/14/1996
Elvyn and Nina Fiallos	19 Years!	9/10/1999
Mike and Leslie McDowell	19 Years!	9/11/1999
Jose Martinez and Moraima Martinez-Sandoval	18 Years!	9/10/2000
Rodney and Sharon Stoverink	18 Years!	9/16/2000
Michael and Amy Laughlin	17 Years!	9/15/2001
Michael Walter and Tara Wedemeyer	9 Years!	9/16/2009
Derek and Mallory Harshner	5 Years!	9/14/2013
Hugo and Justina Lopez	3 Years!	9/12/2015

Mark Adams	Todd Goffoy	Kathleen Moore
Jacob Ambrose	Malcolm Goswell	Sonja Morgan
Josiah Anderson	Sergio Guillermo	Emily Mosman
Maria Arroyo	Beau Harris	Juliana Munoz
Christopher Benavides	Pedro Hernandez	Andrzej Oczko
Alexander Biondo	José Hernandez	Crystal Perez
Emma Canton	Daina Hinojos	Aaron Ratigan
Belem Cardenas Camacho	Rafael Hinojos, Jr.	Angel Reyes
Sandra Carrera	Cecilia Imming	Kivan Rivera
Maria Cartagena	Catherine Indzers	Gloria Romero
Elba Castellón	Mason Kirchhoff	Dayton Rule
Damaris Castillo	Jose Lagunes	Ana Sanchez
Daisy Cervantes	Rafael Lopez	Jacob Sargert
Carlos Contreras	Ivonne Lucho	Avery Schaeffer
Jonathan Coots	Joe Malena	Patté Schreihofner
Dale Davis	German Mancia	Eduardo Solis
Sara Del Valle	Rose Martinez	Mackenzey Spiller
Salustia Enriquez	Arleen Martinez	Donna Stanley
Richard Fields	Sarah Meakins	Reilly Stewart
Ana Flores	Carla Mena	Bridget Tapia
Kathleen Gebauer	Nancy Minnis	Damian Vargas



Pastoral Care

Register Now For Our Grief Recovery Group

What is a Grief Recovery Group? The grief group we offer at St. Sabina is based on an adult mutual self-help grief recovery model. It is a safe place to recognize and acknowledge the painful loss of a loved one. The participants are griever who are courageous and have chosen to be proactive rather than passive. **Advanced registration is important; group size is limited but we must have at least five participants to have a group.** To fully benefit it is important to attend all six sessions. All are welcome; you do not have to be a parishioner to participate.

How to Register? This year our group will begin Tuesday, Oct. 16. The group will meet once a week on Tuesdays for six weeks from 10-11:30am at St. Sabina. Attending every session is extremely important. To register or for more information contact Marta Roper at 816-979-3154 or marta@stsabinaparish.org. **Registration deadline Monday, October 8, 2018**

Beginning Experience is offering a healing weekend Oct 12-14, 2018 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. 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	Dee Raya
Chris Armstrong	Karen Grantham	Larry Rhodes
Dick Armstrong	Ginny Hainey	Renette Riley
Marilyn Avalos	Laverne Harlow	Anna Ryan
Barry Ballenger	Allyson Harkins	Kathy Shields
Pauline Bellm	Cherie Hatfield	Laurie Sigman
Beverly Bell	Beth Heide	Emily Sigman
John Bidondo	John Hirt	Lois Simpson
Betty Bremenkamp	Terri Jackson	Charles Stinger II
Maxine Bremer	Don Kueck	Marie Stinger
Ramon Caratachea	Ellen Lovelace	Ursula Suwito
Alfredo Carrasco	Ray Malisos	Jean Tate
Debra Lynn Cline	Angela Maria	Faith Taylor
Joseph Coots	Lynn Morgan	Angel Thomas
Paul DeMar	Janet Moorman	Bruce Thompson
Nolan Dickerson	Harry Muench	Priscilla Tristani
Pete DiGeorge	Joan Muench	Jim Wall
Steven DiGeorge	Bella Nouryeh	Donna West
Paula Dull	Ezequiel Olarte	Mary Westfall
Emily Emke-Hayes	Thelma Palmer	Marie Wilburn
Terry Eppert	George Panebianco	Carmitia Yust
Joan Feedback	Gary Prendergast	Pablo Zayas
Sergio Gallardo	Rita Pruitt	
Dick Garnier	Earl Puls	

Nursing Home Mass Schedule

Sept 12	10:00am	Redwood of Raymore
Sept 19	10:00am	Foxwood Springs
Sept 26	11:00am	Carnegie Village

Wellness Center

The St. Sabina Wellness Center, funded by Cerner's First Hand Foundation, is honored to support the Knights of Columbus 17th Annual Paul Vargo Golf Tournament at Eagles' Landing Golf Course Saturday September 15th.

The Wellness Center is the official Golf Ball sponsor! Each player will receive Callaway, First Hand Foundation golf balls.



Playing golf has many health benefits—

- Burns calories
- Strengthens core muscles
- Brain stimulation
- Stress reduction...depending on your play.

We invite you to come out and support the Knights of Columbus!

Wellness Center Class Schedule

Monday:	Intermediate Yoga 1-2pm Gentle Yoga 2-3pm Yoga 6-7pm
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



Stewardship

"And immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly. He ordered them not to tell anyone. But the more he ordered them not to, the more they proclaimed it. They were exceedingly astonished and they said, 'He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.'"

James 1: 22, 27

The Gospel reading from Mark demonstrates the connection between hospitality and service. In this passage we find Jesus on the go, and "people brought to Him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged Him to lay His hand on him." These people had already heard the Good News that Jesus was preaching. In response, they reached out to a man who literally could not hear and brought him close to Jesus so that he could receive the Good News, too. This is true service and hospitality at its finest. Jesus responds immediately with a miraculous healing. He blessed those whose service and hospitality had made this encounter possible, confirming their faith to such an extent that they could not stop themselves from proclaiming the wonder they had witnessed. This week, let's challenge ourselves to step out of our comfort zone to reach out to someone who needs to hear the Good News of Jesus. We may just find ourselves astonished at what miracles He accomplishes! — See more at www.catholicsteward.com/blog/

El Salvador Scholarship Appeal

On the weekend of October 6-7 we will have our annual appeal for the university students in Cinquera, El Salvador.

Cinquera is a small town of 800 people, who totally rebuilt their town after the civil war ended in 1992. The majority of the families in Cinquera live in poverty, and their only hope for financial stability is to have one child graduate from university and find employment.

Along with our students in Cinquera, we also have students that live in the very rural communities that lie just outside of Cinquera. Often the students that live in these communities do not have running water or indoor bathrooms. Most families in these rural areas make a living from farming.

With the help from St. Sabina, eleven young people are attending university. While on scholarship, the students are required to attend a monthly meeting and do a monthly community service project. In Cinquera there is a forest reserve, and many of the community projects are centered around this reserve, working to keep it clean. Other projects involve the scholarship students teaching the younger children of Cinquera certain skills, such as English, math, or sports.

Most of our students in Cinquera go to university in San Salvador, which is a 3-hour bus ride from Cinquera. Their scholarships help to provide an apartment for the students to live in during the week. All of the students come home each weekend to be with their families and to attend the required meetings and community service projects.

For one student to complete one year of university studies, the cost is approximately \$1300. This cost covers their tuition, apartment, and helps to cover a few incidental costs like internet access and bus fare.

Last January we sent a 6-person delegation to El Salvador to meet our scholarship students and to learn about the difficulties faced by the people there. With generous donations like yours, we hope to continue to help the students there. Their hope is to graduate, take care of their families, find work in their communities, and stay in El Salvador to continue to re-shape their country.

Along with sending money to cover the university costs of our students, we are also trying to raise funds to bring 2 students to St. Sabina every 2 or 3 years. By having the students visit our parish community, all of our parishioners that attend Mass on weekends have a chance to meet and know personally at least one or two of our students. This helps immensely to build our relationship between the students and the parishioners.

Each year Fr. Jeff personally donates his Chiefs season tickets for a raffle as his way to raise funds for our students. Please join him generously in supporting our students in El Salvador by making a donation at our second collection on October 6-7.

Contributions for September 2

Due to the holiday, our September 2 contributions will be listed in the September 16 bulletin.

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.



Youth Ministry/Young Adults

Parents Lounge

Parents Lounge meetings will start up again on September 16 and the Parents Lounge would like to welcome you and hope you can join us on Sundays at 9am, during the PSR hour in the education wing. It is a great opportunity to meet other parents and families of the parish. This ministry is just a few years old, but is slowly growing with new members, and we look forward to seeing where God leads us as a group this year.

Parents Lounge at St. Sabina is where we just gather together and talk. In past years we have had planned topics for discussion on occasion, but typically it is just informal discussion on anything from parenting subjects, kids' school events, vacation destinations, family events, local activities, etc. There is no long term commitment. Parents Lounge is a come as you want type meeting. Different events we have been involved in are: Trunk or Treat, Stuff the Turkey, family oriented Stations of the Cross during Lent, and summer activities such as bowling. Don't have any kids in PSR yet?? That's okay! Younger children are welcome to come. We have some toys and coloring books for the children to play together. Feel free to contact Anita Frey with questions. 816-804-3127 or afreyhome@sbcglobal.net.

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.



PSR News

Religious Education for Children and Youth: The Parish School of Religion (PSR) is accepting registrations for children in grades Kindergarten through 12th grade. Our Sunday morning PSR classes are for kids in K through 6th grade. We have a Junior High Youth Group that meets on 2 Wednesdays each month for 7th and 8th graders. Finally, we have a High School Youth Group that meets on 2 Sunday evenings each month for 9th through 12th graders. Our Confirmation

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://kcsj catholic.org/the-office-of-child-and-youth-protection/>

program, for 10th graders and older, meets with the High School Youth Group and on one Wednesday each month. All of your children can be registered on the same form, but, please, one form per household. There is a Youth Office calendar available on the parish website as well as in the Youth Office. Please make sure you have one in your home! Sign up today! Classes begin on September 16th! If you have any questions, please give Kirstie Roberts a call in the Youth Office.

City on a Hill Gala - December 6

Please join City on a Hill for Mass, inspirational speakers, silent auction, bar, live jazz band and swing dancing at their 2nd Annual Gala on December 6th. Mass will be celebrated at 6pm at Our Lady of Sorrows followed by the dinner and fundraiser at 7:30pm at Vox Theater, 1405 Southwest Blvd, Kansas City, KS. Register before November 10th for the ticket price of \$85. For more information, visit kansascityonahill.org. City on a Hill is the Catholic Young Adult Ministry at our diocese.



Reflection on the Readings

On this Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time the readings invite us to see the “work” of God that is constantly operative among us. In healing the deaf man with the speech impediment, Jesus highlights God’s relation to all humanity. **Just like the deaf man, we are all challenged to “ephphatha,” to be open to God’s work so powerfully evident among us.**

One might say that there is little evidence of God’s marvelous work in a time of economic disparity, violence, war, injustice, migrant parents separated from their children, greed, global warming and many other social ills that befall us. **Yet, this is the challenge of today’s readings, namely to go deeper and see things in a more hopeful, trusting manner.**

Mark’s gospel and the other readings challenge us to see beyond appearances and to examine the events of life from the perspective of God rather than from our limited viewpoint. In doing so, then we too can sing joyfully the refrain of responsorial Psalm 146, “Praise the Lord, my soul!”

Isaiah, in the first reading, addresses those “whose hearts are frightened.” **Today we experience many people whose hearts are frightened because of gun violence, world instability, hurricanes and floods due to global warming, and just basic inhumanity to our migrant brothers and sisters in need.** Global warming has devastated the lives of many people and neighborhoods in our country and most especially around the world. Many feel powerless in the face of political and religious divides that cause groups to demonize the other, leading to anger, hatred and violence. Lives are terrorized or destroyed in an instant when someone wields a gun and creates fear, havoc and death. Many despair of ever having peace and security in living out their lives. **To these people and situations, Isaiah boldly proclaims that God has not forgotten them, and that God “comes with vindication and divine recompense to save you.”**

If we trust in God and continue to deepen our relationship, we will see with new eyes, and experience life in new ways that will ultimately be life-giving and fulfilling. Our blindness will be removed, our hearing will be more attuned, we will speak with clarity, and the deserts of our lives will bloom again. Such rich images take away fright and promote trust in an ever-faithful God who is always ready to help.

Responsorial Psalm 146 reprises the image of God who “keeps faith forever” and who “raises up those who were bowed down” while “securing justice for the oppressed” and “setting the captives free.” With hopeful hearts and grateful trust in our loving God, we shout out in response, “Praise the Lord, my soul!”

The reading from the letter of James challenges us not to judge by appearances but to see things more deeply, looking into the heart. God does not judge by externals like power and wealth, something that we easily succumb to in our dealings. Rather God loves all, especially the poor, the powerless, the migrant, the stranger and the foreigner. Those who have nothing often find it easier to trust in a loving, caring God. **God demands that we too be attuned to those that most need our care and support. This is the Christian obligation towards all, and today most especially toward migrants fleeing violence and danger.** God often uses the poor to show all of us how to rely on God with complete confidence.

The family of the deaf man in the gospel reaches out to Jesus with trust and confidence. Jesus heals the man’s deafness along with his speech impediment. The man can hear clearly and speak plainly. **The external cure is a sign of the internal attitude that Jesus desires of the man and the whole crowd. Jesus asks all who have experienced the miracle to understand that God is faithful and does care for all.**

This week, no matter the fears, the hurt or the insecurity all around you, challenge yourself to trust in a loving and caring God who is always concerned about us, no matter what our situation in life may be. May this new school year and this new year of ministry to God’s people be one of hearing more deeply and speaking more plainly about God’s mighty works made manifest and active in our daily lives.

Biagio Mazza
Pastoral Associate

Readings



Bible Study

Sunday, September 9

1st Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7a

Psalm: Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)

2nd Reading: James 2:1-5

Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

Sunday, September 16

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:5-9a

Psalm: Psalm 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (9)

2nd Reading: James 2:14-18

Gospel: Mark 8:27-35

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 9 and 23 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 este Vigésimo Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario las lecturas nos invitan a ver las obras de Dios que operan constantemente entre nosotros. Al curar al sordo con el traba de lengua, Jesús resalta la relación de Dios con toda la humanidad. **Al igual que el sordo, todos tenemos el desafío de "effeté", de estar abiertos a las obras de Dios tan poderosamente evidentes entre nosotros.**

Se podría decir que hay poca evidencia del maravilloso trabajo de Dios en un tiempo de desigualdad económica, violencia, guerra, injusticia, padres migrantes separados de sus hijos, avaricia, calentamiento global y muchas otras enfermedades sociales que nos sobrevienen. **Sin embargo, este es el desafío de las lecturas de hoy, es decir, profundizar y ver las cosas de una manera más esperanzada y confiable.**

El evangelio de Marcos y las otras lecturas nos desafían a ver más allá de las apariencias y a examinar los eventos de la vida desde la perspectiva de Dios en lugar de nuestro punto de vista limitado. Al hacerlo, entonces nosotros también podemos cantar con alegría el estribillo del Salmo responsorial 145, "Alaba, alma mía, al Señor".

En la primera lectura, Isaías se dirige a "los de corazón apocado". **Hoy nos encontramos a muchas personas de corazón apocado por la violencia armada, la inestabilidad mundial, los huracanes y las inundaciones debido al calentamiento global, y la inhumanidad básica de nuestros hermanos y hermanas migrantes necesitados.** El calentamiento global ha devastado la vida de muchas personas y vecindarios en nuestro país y especialmente en todo el mundo. Muchos se sienten impotentes frente a las divisiones políticas y religiosas que hacen que los grupos demonicen al otro, lo que lleva a la

ira, el odio y la violencia. Las vidas son aterrorizadas o destruidas en un instante cuando alguien empuña un arma y crea miedo, estragos y muerte. Muchos se desesperan por tener paz y seguridad al vivir sus vidas. **A estas personas y situaciones, Isaías audazmente proclama que Dios no los ha olvidado, y que Dios "vengador y justiciero, viene ya para salvarlos".**

Si confiamos en Dios y continuamos profundizando nuestra relación, lo veremos con ojos nuevos y experimentaremos la vida de maneras nuevas que finalmente darán vida y serán plenas. Nuestra ceguera será eliminada, nuestra audiencia estará más sintonizada, hablaremos con claridad y los desiertos de nuestras vidas florecerán nuevamente. Tales imágenes enriquecedoras quitan el miedo y promueven la confianza en un Dios siempre fiel que siempre está listo para ayudar.

El Salmo responsorial 145 retoma la imagen de Dios que "mantiene su fidelidad perpetuamente" y que "endereza a los que ya se doblan" mientras "hace justicia a los oprimidos" y "libera a los cautivos". Con corazones esperanzados y confianza agradecida en nuestro Dios amoroso, gritamos en respuesta, "Alaba, alma mía, al Señor".

La lectura de la carta de Santiago nos desafía a no juzgar por las apariencias, sino a ver las cosas más profundamente, mirando al corazón. Dios no juzga por factores externos como el poder y la riqueza, algo que sucumbimos fácilmente en nuestros tratos. Más bien, Dios ama a todos, especialmente a los pobres, a los débiles, a los inmigrantes y a los extranjeros. Muchas veces, a los que no tienen nada se les resulta más fácil confiar en un Dios amoroso y afectuoso. **Dios exige que**

nosotros también estemos sintonizados con aquellos que más necesitan nuestro cuidado y apoyo. Esta es la obligación cristiana para todos, y hoy en especial para los migrantes que huyen de la violencia y el peligro. Muchas veces, Dios usa a los pobres para mostrarnos a todos cómo confiar en Dios con confianza total.

La familia del sordo en el evangelio se acerca a Jesús con confianza. Jesús sana la sordera del hombre y también su traba de lengua. El hombre puede oír claramente y hablar claramente. **La cura externa es un signo de la actitud interna que Jesús desea del hombre y de toda la multitud. Jesús pide a todos los que han experimentado el milagro que entiendan que Dios es fiel y se preocupa por todos.**

Esta semana, sin importar los miedos, el dolor o la inseguridad a su alrededor, desafíese a sí mismo a confiar en un Dios amoroso y afectuoso que siempre está preocupado por nosotros, sin importar cuál sea nuestra situación en la vida. Que este nuevo año escolar y este nuevo año de ministerio al pueblo de Dios sea uno de los que escuche más profundamente y hable más claro acerca de las obras poderosas de Dios que se han manifestado y hechos activos en nuestra vida diaria.

Biagio Mazza, Asociado Pastoral

Lecturas



Lecturas del Domingo, 9 de Septiembre

Primera Lectura: Isaías 35:4-7a

Salmo: Salmo 145:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10

Segunda Lectura: Santiago 2:1-5

Evangelio: Marcos 7:31-37

Lecturas del Domingo, 16 de Septiembre

Primera Lectura: Isaías 50:5-9a

Salmo: Salmo 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

Segunda Lectura: Santiago 2:14-18

Evangelio: Marcos 8:27-35

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.

Noticias de la Escuela de Religión

Educación Religiosa para Niños y Jóvenes: La Escuela de Religión (PSR, por sus siglas en inglés) está aceptando inscripciones para niños en los grados de Kindergarten hasta el 12°. Nuestras clases dominicales de PSR son para niños de K a 6° grados. Tenemos un Grupo de Jóvenes de Junior High que se reúne 2 miércoles cada mes para los estudiantes del 7° y 8° grado. Finalmente, tenemos un Grupo de Jóvenes de High School que se reúne 2 domingos por la tarde cada mes para los estudiantes del 9° a 12° grado. Nuestro programa de Confirmación, para alumnos del 10° grado y mayores, se reúnen con el Grupo de jóvenes de de High School y un miércoles cada mes. Todos sus hijos pueden registrarse en la misma hoja, pero, por favor, solo tome una hoja por hogar. Hay un calendario de la Oficina de la Juventud disponible en el sitio web de la parroquia, así como en la Oficina de la Juventud. Por favor, asegúrese de tener uno en su casa! ¡Inscríbase hoy! ¡Las clases comienzan el 16 de septiembre! Si tiene alguna pregunta, por favor llame a Kirstie Roberts en la Oficina de la Juventud.

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, inscríbase en el espacio de reunión, llame a la oficina parroquial o envíe un correo electrónico a Kris a kris@stsabinaparish.org.

Felicidades Por Su Bautismo

Julio Cesar Vázquez González, Jr., el hijo de Julio Cesar Vázquez Ayala y Nadya González Buendía
Ariana Marie García, la hija de Justin Nicholas McNiel and Leticia García

Felicidades Por Su Quinceañera -

Felicidades a Carolina Vargas, la hija de Jorge Vargas y María Nájera, que celebrará su Quinceañera el 15 de Septiembre.

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/>

Ceremonia de Conmemoración del 11 de Septiembre

Todos son bienvenidos a asistir a la Ceremonia Anual de Conmemoración del 11 de septiembre en Kansas City el martes 11 de septiembre en el Memorial de Primeros Auxilios en el Panteón Mt. Olivet, 7601 Blue Ridge Blvd., KCMO. La American Legion Band tocará a las 5:30 p.m., seguida de la ceremonia a las 6 p.m. La ceremonia es organizada por el Distrito 5 de la Legión Americana, VFW Distrito 5, DAV, Funeraria Passantino Bros., Funeral Care Muehlebach y los Cementerios Católicos de Kansas City-St. Joseph.



Corresponsabilidad/Información

Donaciones por Internet

Sta. Sabina ofrece una opción de donar en línea para los feligreses y visitantes. Esta es una manera fácil, y segura de contribuir por internet. Para establecer una contribución única ó recurrente: visite nuestro sitio web de la parroquia en www.stsabina.org, haga clic en el botón "Online Giving" en la parte superior derecha y llene el formulario de contribución en línea.

Done Sangre: 11 de Septiembre, 2 a 6pm

Nuestra próxima evento de donación de sangre será el martes 11 de septiembre de 2 a 6pm, en el gimnasio. **Habrà interprete y se puede usar una matricula como forma de identificación.** Para hacer una cita, visite esavealifenow.org y escriba el código de patrocinador: saintsabina.

10 Hechos sobre Donaciones de Sangre

1. Los niños que reciben tratamiento para el cáncer, los bebés prematuros y los niños que se someten a una cirugía de corazón necesitan sangre y plaquetas de donantes de todo tipo.
2. Los pacientes anémicos necesitan transfusiones de sangre para aumentar sus niveles de hierro.
3. Los pacientes con cáncer, trasplantes y traumatismos y los pacientes sometidos a cirugía de corazón abierto requieren transfusiones de plaquetas para sobrevivir.
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5. En los días posteriores a los ataques del 11 de septiembre, medio millón de personas donaron sangre.
6. Las mujeres reciben el 53% de las transfusiones de sangre; los hombres reciben el 47%.
7. El 94% de todos los donantes de sangre son votantes registrados.
8. El 60% de la población de EE. UU. es elegible para donar: solo el 5% lo hace anualmente.
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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**

Oportunidades para Voluntarios

Uplift Org. Si le gustaría llevar comida a las personas sin hogar en el 4º o 5º Lunes de cada mes, por favor, póngase en contacto con Kirstie Roberts! Este ministerio está abierto a todos los feligreses mayores de 14 años. Los voluntarios deben reportarse a la bodega de Uplift a las 5pm y se terminan a las 9:30pm.

Cocineros de Uplift! Cualquier persona que le gustaría ayudar a preparar una comida para las personas sin hogar es bienvenido a unirse a nuestro equipo el 4º Lunes de cada mes a las 10am en el gimnasio. Le recomendamos que traiga un cuchillo y pelador de verduras buenos. El próximo día de cocinar es el 24 de septiembre

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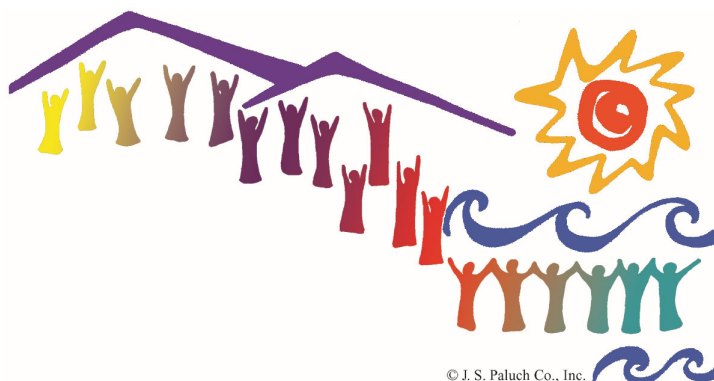
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