

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Father Bill Fisher, Pastor

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 26, 2020

A prayer to combat the
Coronavirus Pandemic

Most Merciful and triune God,
We come to You in our weakness.
We come to You in our fear.
We come to You with trust.
For You alone are our hope.
We place before You the disease present in our world.
We turn to You in our time of need.
Bring wisdom to doctors.
Give understanding to scientists.
Endow caregivers with compassion and generosity.
Bring healing to those who are ill.
Protect those who are most at risk.
Give comfort to those who have lost a loved one.
Welcome those who have died into Your Eternal Home.
Stabilize our communities.
Unite us in our compassion.
Remove all fear from our hearts.
Fill us with confidence in Your
(mention your particular concerns and prayers now)
Jesus, I trust in You
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Weekly Collection July 5, 2020

Envelopes:	\$ 4,348
Maintenance:	\$ 1055
Candles	\$ 100

For the next food kitchen on Aug. 10, we ask for your donations of individual packages of chips, fruit cups and desserts!

Desserts may be packaged as three cookies or one brownie in a plastic bag.



Bring items to the parish house and they can be placed in the freezer there. The office is open Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. (except July 28 and 29.)

Of course, monetary donations are also appreciated to purchase other lunch items.

Without you, we could not complete the mission of feeding the hungry. The number of people continues to grow.

Always remember, this is one of the corporal works of mercy and will add another star in your crown. Take care and be safe.

Keep in touch with your friends.
Send a card or note to make them smile!

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Our Holy Mass

Holy Mass will continue to be offered at 9 a.m. on Sundays.

The readings are now included in your weekly bulletin so you can follow the liturgy in church or at home.

When attending Mass in the church, please follow guidelines for the prevention of COVID-19. Enter through the door nearest to

St. John's Club and sign in. Wear a mask to cover both your nose and mouth.

Maintain distancing during Communion and as you leave the church. Do not congregate outside of church.

As a reminder, there will be no 8 a.m. Thursday or 5:15 p.m. Saturday Masses until September.

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2020 Support St. John the Baptist



The parishioners and friends of St. John the Baptist have responded overwhelmingly to our Support St. John the Baptist fundraiser! In the first week, we have received \$7,975 in donations.

In appreciation and recognition, we will share the names of those who have made contributions by the categories they listed. We are thankful for this generous support to our Catholic Croatian legacy.

Strawberry Hill The Worner Family

Strawberry Patch Anonymous

Strawberry Plant Karolyn & Nick Tomasic Kathy Dumovich Kovac Loren & Kathy Lally Bareiss St. John's Senior Citizens

Strawberry Shortcake The Skradski Family

Strawberry Preserves Jim Fracol Patti Hill Pete & Pat Novosel George Thomas Frank & Ljubica Kozar Anonymous - 6 donors

Strawberry Seed Helen Taylor

Strawberry Pie Theresa Jaksetic Joanne Lally Anonymous Al Boan

Fundraising Update

Your festival committee will continue to keep you updated on the parish fundraising efforts.

Last year, our festival brought about \$61,000 - funds which are used for our liturgy and the upkeep of parish buildings.

Like you, we were very disappointed at having to cancel the festival. Festival chairman Chris Schneider promises to make our next festival "the best ever."

Support St. John the Baptist

We will continue to accept donations after Aug. 15 - the scheduled date of the festival.

If you have not donated, please consider making a contribution in the amount you would typically spend on food and drink, raffles and prize donations.

The form is on our website: www.stjohnthebaptistcatholicchurch.com, right under the bulletin.

Although we will share the names of donors as a public thank-you, you can remain anonymous if you choose. Information: OurCroatianParish@gmail.com

50/50 Raffles and Traditional Money Raffle

The Mini Raffle is sold out! The winner will receive \$2,500.

We have received 126 entries for the Maxi Raffle. One winner will receive \$5,000 and a second winner will be drawn to receive a minimum of \$1,300 (and growing!

Maxi Raffle forms and tickets for the traditional money raffle are also available on our website.

Drawings will be held and filmed on Aug. 15 - the scheduled festival day. You can watch the video on our Facebook page to learn who won.

Thank You!!



First Reading
(1 1 KGS 3:5, 7-12)

The LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream at night.

God said, "Ask something of me and I will give it to you."

Solomon answered: "O LORD, my God, you have made me, your servant, king to succeed my father David; but I am a mere youth, not knowing at all how to act. I serve you in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a people so vast that it cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong. For who is able to govern this vast people of yours?"

The LORD was pleased that Solomon made this request.

So God said to him: "Because you have asked for this—not for a long life for yourself, nor for riches, nor for the life of your enemies, but for understanding so that you may know what is right—

I do as you requested. I give you a heart so wise and understanding that there has never been anyone like you up to now, and after you there will come no one to equal you."

Responsorial Psalm
(PS 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130)

R. Lord, I love your commands.

I have said, O LORD, that my part is to keep your words. The law of your mouth is to me more precious than thousands of gold and silver

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pieces.

R. Lord, I love your commands.

Let your kindness comfort me according to your promise to your servants. Let your compassion come to me that I may live, for your law is my delight.

R. Lord, I love your commands.

For I love your command more than gold, however fine. For in all your precepts I go forward; every false way I hate.

R. Lord, I love your commands.

Wonderful are your decrees; therefore I observe them. The revelation of your words sheds light, giving understanding to the simple.

R. Lord, I love your commands.

Second Reading
(ROM 8:28-30)

Brothers and sisters:

We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

For those he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those he predestined he also called; and those he called he also justified; and those he justified he also glorified.

Alleluia
MT 11:25

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; for you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.



Gospel

(MT 13:44-52 or 13:44-46)

Jesus said to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind. When it is full they haul it ashore and sit down to put what is good into buckets. What is bad they throw away.

Thus it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.

"Do you understand all these things?"

They answered, "Yes."

And he replied, "Then every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old."

Alternate Gospel

Jesus said to his disciples:

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it."