

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Father Bill Fisher, Pastor

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 5, 2020

## A Letter From Father Peter

Dear Parishioners,

May the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you! Thanks for your support, prayers and hard work with me over these past seven-plus years of my ministry as pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish. When I was installed as pastor at the Sunday Mass of March 2013, I was excited to be named your pastor. I had a dream over 30 years ago that someday I would be the pastor of St. John the Baptist Church, but never believed it would be the case. Now my dream not only came true but I have lived it for several years and now leave this wonderful community in good hands for another pastor to take the reins.

I have learned so much from the beautiful Catholic Croatian community of SJB, and enjoyed the wonderful Croatian culture, the food, music, and unique expressions of celebrations of this community.

I leave with joy and with a sense of accomplishment. I wish only the best for you, my dear people, and pray that your new pastor Fr. Bill Fisher finds the same level of satisfaction and joy as I have in serving you.

Adelante, (Onward Christian Soldiers)  
Yours truly,

Fr. Peter M. Jaramillo SSA

Blessings and thanks to Fr. Peter Jaramillo, S.S.A., for his service to St. John the Baptist Church.

On behalf of your parishioners, we would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation for the dedication and service you shared as our pastor and to our great nation as a military chaplain.

For more than seven years, you honorably overcame the many challenges of being the pastor of three parishes, serving your country as a military officer and being deployed overseas.

Although your plate was full, you still made time to embrace our Croatian culture - learning phrases and sayings in Croatian to greet

parishioners, singing Croatian hymns at Mass and joining Hrvatski Obicaj in song Croatian at our Festival.

Your love for the Lord is evident in the patience and kindness shown to everyone. You continued to care for us throughout the pandemic lockdown by reaching out to us through videos of the Sunday Mass and reflections. These gestures offered so much hope and consolation.

Thank you Fr. Peter for all that you have done for our parish community. We pray that God pours his generous blessings upon you and your new ministry assignment as pastor at All Saints parish and your continued ministry at St. Mary St. Anthony's.

We will pray for you and will always continue to **fight the good fight**:

Stay in contact with Father Peter:

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### Weekly Collection June 28 2020

Envelopes:	\$	5,752
Maintenance:	\$	84
Peter Pence:	\$	57
Father's Day	\$	50

## Our Holy Mass

St. John's continues to offer Holy Mass every week at 9 a.m. Sundays. Wear your mask.

There will be no 8 a.m. Thursday or 5:15 p.m. Saturday Masses until September.

**You must wear a mask to cover both your nose and mouth - don't let that mask slip down!**

Please maintain social distancing during Communion and as you leave the church. We ask that you do not congregate outside of church.

These are health department rules to keep you and your family (and everyone else in the church) safe and healthy.



Our deepest sympathy and prayers go to the families of Aloysius Edward NovoGradac and Nikola Kolic, both of our parish.

Mr. NovoGradac, 73, of Basehor, died on June 26.

He was born April 1, 1947, in Kansas City, KS, and was a decorated Navy serviceman in the Vietnam War. He worked as a self-employed contractor.

The funeral was June 30 at St. John the Baptist. Mr. Novogradac was buried at Fort Leavenworth National Cemetery.

Mr. Kolic, 86, died June 14 at his home.

He was born Nov. 21, 1933 in Pravutina, Croatia. He immigrated



to the U.S. in 1984 "with only a suitcase in hand."

He worked for the Housing Authority and was proud of his carpentry and wood-working.

He is survived by his wife, Katica Kolic, with whom he was married for 65 years.

The funeral was June 18 with burial at Mount Calvary Cemetery.

July 13 - that's when our parish community will feed the hungry. YOU make a difference in someone's life!

Here is what we need:

⇒ Desserts -

three cookies or one brownie in a plastic sandwich bag. These items will be stored in the freezer at the rectory.

⇒ Individual bags of chips

⇒ Snack cups of pudding, fruit or applesauce

If you would like to make a

donation, it will be used to buy items for making the sandwiches.

**Feed  
+the  
Hungry**

Drop contributions at St. John's by Thursday, July 9.

The rectory is open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

We offer our gracious appreciation to all who help feed the hungry. Providing food soothes both the stomach and the soul.

Your continued help is immeasurable.

### Contact us.

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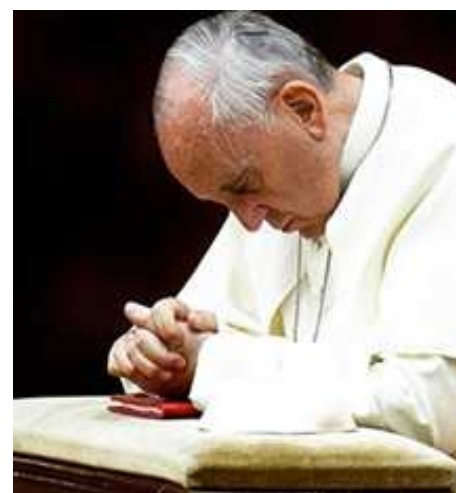
#### **Web:**

stjohnthebaptistcatholicchurch.com

#### **Facebook:**

St. John the Baptist Croatian Parish

**Instagram:** OurCroatianParish



Father,  
I dedicate this new day to you;  
as I go about my work.  
I ask you to bless those with  
whom I come in contact.  
Lord, I pray for all men and  
women  
who work to earn their living;  
give them satisfaction in what  
they do.

Spirit of God,  
comfort the unemployed  
and their families;  
they are your children and my  
brothers and sisters.

I ask you to help them  
find work soon.

Amen.

By St. Ignatius Loyola