

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Father Bill Fisher, Pastor

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 30, 2020

The hungry people of our community remain among us. We appreciate the offerings of those who can share their resources to feed God's children in need.

Our next food kitchen will be Monday, Sept. 14.

**Feed  
the  
Hungry**

If you would like to contribute food, please take it to the parish rectory, Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The wish list includes:

- ⇒ Small bags of chips
- ⇒ Cookies or brownies
- ⇒ Fruit or pudding cups

Thank you for helping us feed the hungry. Remember, the kindnesses you give will be returned to you.

## Updates

### Fundraising

Support St. John the Baptist contributions will be accepted through Dec. 31. A list of our generous donors will be included in the bulletin every two weeks.

Donations from Support St. John's are now \$28,925.

With the \$12,700 received from the 50/50 Raffles, the running total is \$41,625.

We will have more information on the fundraising total in September after the finance committee reconciles the books.

### Bulletin

Due to vacation, there will be no bulletins for Sept. 6 and 13. The readings will be available.

Our regular bulletin will resume for Sept. 20.

### Prayer to our Lady in Times of Trouble

Holy Virgin Mary, you are reigning in glory, with Jesus, your Son.

Remember us in our sadness.

Look kindly on all who are suffering or fighting against any difficulty.

Have pity on those who are separated from someone they love.

Have pity on the loneliness of our hearts.

Have pity on the weakness of our faith and love.

Have pity on those who are weeping,

on those who are praying, on those who are fearful.

Holy Mother, please obtain for all of us hope and peace with justice.

Amen.

## Our Parish Family

### Foster's Golden Anniversary

A big congratulations to Mary and Jim Foster, who celebrated their 50th anniversary.

Jim married the former Mary Schwab on Aug. 22, 1970, at Holy Family Catholic Church. Monsignor Heliodore Mejak officiated their sacrament of matrimony.

The couple, long-time members of our parish, have two children, Patrick Foster and Shannon Foster, 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

### Retirement for Al Boan

Al Boan retired on July 17 from Metropolitan Junior College in Kansas City, MO.

He worked there for 31 years in several departments, including supplies, mail and job training.

Congratulations to Al. Enjoy a well-deserved retirement!

### We appreciate your help!

Thank you to Bernadette Horvat and Heather Rebeck for the many volunteer hours shared with our parish.

They cleaned and organized the sacristy in the vesting area used by Father Bill. Their selfless efforts are appreciated!

### Have a milestone?

If you would like to share an individual, family or group milestone, send the information to [OurCroatianParish@gmail.com](mailto:OurCroatianParish@gmail.com), or contact Phyllis Hampton at the parish office, (913) 371-0627.

We can include photos, if they are available in digital form.

## Celebrate the works of Saint Teresa of Calcutta on her Feast Day - Sept. 5

Mother Teresa of Calcutta, recognized throughout the world for her work among the poorest of the poor, was beatified October 19, 2003.

Gonxha (Agnes) Bojaxhiu was born in 1910 to Albanian parents in today's Skopje, Macedonia, as the youngest of three children who survived.

She entered the Loreto Sisters of Dublin in 1928. The following year she was sent to the Loreto novitiate in Darjeeling, India, where she chose the name Teresa. She was assigned to a girls' high school in Calcutta, teaching daughters of the wealthy. But she could not escape the poverty and suffering around her.

In 1946, Sister Teresa heard what she later explained as "a call within a call. The message was clear. I was to leave the convent and help the poor while living among them." She also heard a call to give up her life with the Sisters of Loreto and instead, to "follow Christ into the slums to serve him among the poorest of the poor."

After receiving permission to leave Loreto and establish a new religious community, Sister Teresa took a nursing course. She returned to Calcutta where she lived in the slums and

opened a school for poor children.

The work was exhausting, but she was not alone for long. Volunteers became the core of the Missionaries of Charity. Others helped by donating food, clothing, supplies and the use of buildings. In 1952, the city of Calcutta gave Mother Teresa a former hostel which became a home for the dying and the destitute.

As the order expanded, services were also offered to orphans, abandoned children, alcoholics, the aging and street people.

For the next four decades, Mother Teresa worked tirelessly for the poor. In 1979, she was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. On Sept. 5, 1997, God called her home. Blessed Teresa was canonized by Pope Francis on Sept. 4, 2016.



### Reflection

Mother Teresa's beatification, just over six years after her death, was part of an expedited process put into effect by Pope John Paul II. Like many around the world, he found her love for the Eucharist, for prayer and for the poor a model for all to emulate.

*Story/Photo: courtesy of franciscanmedia.org*

### Weekly Collection Aug. 23, 2020

Envelopes:	\$3,910
Maintenance:	\$2,565
Assumption of Mary	\$ 125
Candles	\$ 20
The Leaven	\$ 42

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### Pen-Pals

Looking for parishioners  
to exchange letters  
with students from  
Resurrection Catholic  
School.

Interested?  
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### First Reading

You duped me, O LORD, and I let myself be duped; you were too strong for me, and you triumphed. All the day I am an object of laughter; everyone mocks me.

Whenever I speak, I must cry out, violence and outrage is my message; the word of the LORD has brought me derision and reproach all the day.

I say to myself, I will not mention him, I will speak in his name no more. But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones; I grow weary holding it in, I cannot endure it.

### Responsorial Psalm

**R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

O God, you are my God whom I seek; for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.

**R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

Thus have I gazed toward you in the sanctuary to see your power and your glory, For your kindness is a greater good than life; my lips shall glorify you.

**R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

Thus will I bless you while I live; lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name.

As with the riches of a banquet shall my soul be satisfied, and with exultant lips my mouth shall praise you.

**R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

You are my help, and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy. My soul clings fast to you; your right hand upholds me.

**R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

### Second Reading

I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship.

Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.

### Alleluia

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Take my yoke upon you, says the Lord, and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart.

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### Gospel

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised.

Then Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him, "God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you."

He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

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."

Mass Readings for Aug. 30, 2020  
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Courtesy: [uscgb.org](http://uscgb.org)





## **Strawberry Hill**

The Worner Family

Anonymous

## **Strawberry Patch**

The Pemberton Family

The Dorian Family

Dr. Judy Vogelsang - Consulate Republic of Croatia

Anonymous - 4

## **Strawberry Plant**

Karolyn & Nick Tomasic

Kathy Dumovich Kovac

Loren & Kathy Lally Bareiss

Larry Lindelow

Tom Podrebarac

In Memory of Nick Kucenic

The Tokic Family

St. John's Senior Citizens

Chris and Bob Braun

Anonymous

St. John the Baptist

Altar Society

Croatian American

Social Club





## *2020 Support St. John the Baptist*



### **Strawberry Shortcake**

The Skradski Family  
Ivana Morris & Dave Martin  
The Gasparovic Family  
T. Cindrich  
Marty Yadrick  
Marko Bjelobrk, Vlasic Freight  
Steve & Mary Ponnath  
Anonymous - 3

### **Strawberry Pie**

Joe Panjada & Dede Gish-Panjada  
Theresa Jaksetic  
Barbara Zurga  
Joanne Lally  
Adam & Dragica Novosel  
Don Bozich  
Millie Sambol  
Mary Jean Podrebarac  
Al Boan  
Milka Subasic  
Anonymous - 6

### **Strawberry Preserves**

Jim Fracol  
Patti Hill  
Pete & Pat Novosel  
George Thomas  
Frank & Ljubica Kozar  
Bernadette & Mark Tomasic  
Bernadette Horvat  
Jerry Fabac  
Bennett Hampton &  
Austin Morrow  
Eliza Stice, Abby & Ella Loun  
Ted & Pam Rusovick  
Bernice Kovac  
Tom & Carrie Lally  
Kathy Stimac  
The Fanning Family  
John & Veronica Gasparovich  
Chris & Cathy Schneider  
Verne & Velma Heshner  
Anonymous - 12 donors

### **Strawberry Seed**

Adrian Stopa	Connie Kolich	Anonymous - 7
Helen Taylor	Mike and Ann Kucenic	
Nancy Sachen	Lillian Makar	
Paula Mikesic	Robert Sullivan & Mary Sullivan	