

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Father Bill Fisher, Pastor

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 4, 2020

Final Prayer of the Rosary

Let us pray.

O God, whose only begotten Son, by His life, death, and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech Thee, that meditating upon these mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.



In Sympathy

Our prayers and condolences are with Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann. His mother, Louise Naumann, passed away last week at age 97.

The Archbishop was able to visit with his mother and pray the rosary before she died.

Mrs. Naumann was a resident of Villa St. Francis Catholic Care Center, Olathe, for several months.

Read Archbishop Naumann's column about his mother in *The Leaven*.

May she rest in peace. Amen.

Weekly Collection

Sept. 27, 2020

Envelopes:	\$ 2,229
Maintenance:	\$ 430
Candles	\$ 47
The Leaven	\$ 125



Bake. Buy. Donate. Volunteer.

The monthly Food Kitchen is coming right up - Oct. 12. Help us with donations to fill 550 sack lunches. Each person will receive a sandwich, chips, piece of fruit, pudding or fruit cup and dessert.

Volunteers are needed at 9 a.m., Friday, Oct. 9, and 7:30 a.m., Monday, Oct. 12, at Holy Family School Hall.

Without each one of you, we could not fulfill our Lord's mission to feed the hungry.

Support St. John's

Thank you to all St. John the Baptist parishioners and friends who have supported our church this year. Although we were unable to have our traditional festival, your generosity has been key in allowing our church to continue the liturgy – both in person and online.

The church finance committee is expected to present a reconciled report very soon on the proceeds from our fundraising activities. This will include the 50/50 Mini and Maxi Raffles, the traditional Dollar Money raffle and the Support St. John's donations.

However, we will continue to accept Support St. John's contributions through Dec. 31. If you would like to donate, you may use the form included in this bulletin.

The list of contributors will be included every two weeks in our bulletin.

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Pray the Rosary during October

Catholics are asked to pray the rosary, especially this month, to remember the Oct. 7 feast day of Our Lady of the Rosary.

This day of commemoration of the Blessed Mother began in the 16th Century after a naval victory which secured Europe against Turkish invasion.

Pope St. Pius V attributed the event to Mary's intercession through the Rosary.

Pope Leo XIII said, "It has always been the habit of Catholics in danger and in troublous times to fly for refuge to Mary. This devotion, so great and so confident, to the august Queen of Heaven, has never shone forth with such brilliancy as when the militant Church of God has seemed to be endangered by the violence of heresy ... or by an intolerable moral corruption, or



by the attacks of powerful enemies."

Catholics continue to pray to our Blessed Mother during their own times of trouble.

The Rosary helps us to remember principal events in the history of our salvation through the 20 mysteries. There are five each in the Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries.

For more information about praying the rosary, the Mysteries of the Rosary and the prayers of the Rosary in English, Croatian, Spanish and other languages, visit rosarycenter.org.

Steps to praying the Rosary:

1. Make the Sign of the Cross and say the Apostles' Creed.
2. Say the Our Father.
3. Say three Hail Marys for Faith, Hope and Charity.
4. Say the Glory Be.
5. Announce the first Mystery, followed by an Our Father.
6. Say 10 Hail Marys while meditating on the Mystery.
7. Say the Glory Be.
8. Announce the next Mystery, then say the Our Father and repeat steps 6 through 8 as you continue through the remaining Mysteries.
9. Say the closing prayers, the Hail Holy Queen and the Final Prayer (See front page photo for Final Prayer.)
10. Make the Sign of the Cross.

Sources: catholicnewsagency.com and rosarycenter.org

Election day is getting closer - make your voice heard on local, state and national candidates.

On Nov. 3, polls will be open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Bring a government-issued photo identification.

The following information is for residents of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas. If you live outside this area, find voting information at vote.org.

Polling Place: Check the location of your polling place at myvoteinfo.org or (913) 573-8500.

Registration: The voter registration deadline is Oct. 13. Register online or in person at a voter registration event.



Be sure you are registered at your current address. Check your status at wycovotes.org or (913) 573-8500.

Mail-in ballots: Request an absentee or mail-in ballot by Oct. 27. Postmark your ballot by Nov. 3 or drop it at your polling place on election day.

Early in-person voting will be available as follows:

Election Office

850 State Avenue, KCK

- Oct. 20-23, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Oct. 24, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Oct. 26 - 30, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Oct. 31, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Nov. 2, 8 a.m. - Noon

**Argentine Community Center
2810 Metropolitan Ave., KCK**

- Oct. 24, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Oct. 26 - 30, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Oct. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Eisenhower Rec Center
2901 N. 72nd St. KCK**

- Oct. 20 - 24, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Oct. 26 - 30 & 31, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Vote. It is your faithful citizenship.

First Reading

Let me now sing of my friend, my friend's song concerning his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside; he spaded it, cleared it of stones, and planted the choicest vines; within it he built a watchtower, and hewed out a wine press.

Then he looked for the crop of grapes, but what it yielded was wild grapes.

Now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard:

What more was there to do for my vineyard that I had not done?

Why, when I looked for the crop of grapes, did it bring forth wild grapes?

Now, I will let you know what I mean to do with my vineyard: take away its hedge, give it to grazing, break through its wall, let it be trampled!

Yes, I will make it a ruin: it shall not be pruned or hoed, but overgrown with thorns and briars; I will command the clouds not to send rain upon it.

The vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished plant; he looked for judgment, but see, bloodshed! For justice, but hark, the outcry!

Responsorial Psalm

R. The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

A vine from Egypt you transplanted; you drove away the nations and planted it. It put forth its foliage to the Sea, its shoots as far as the River.

R. The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

Why have you broken down its walls, so that every passer-by plucks its fruit, the boar from the forest lays it waste, and the beasts of the field feed upon it?

R. The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

Once again, O LORD of hosts, look down from heaven, and see; take care

of this vine, and protect what your right hand has planted the son of man whom you yourself made strong.

R. The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

Then we will no more withdraw from you; give us new life, and we will call upon your name. O LORD, God of hosts, restore us; if your face shine upon us, then we shall be saved.

R. The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

Second Reading

Brothers and sisters: Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me.

Then the God of peace will be with you.

Alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord, to go and bear fruit that will remain.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: "Hear another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a hedge around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a



tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went on a journey.

When vintage time drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to obtain his produce. But the tenants seized the servants and one they beat, another they killed, and a third they stoned.

Again he sent other servants, more numerous than the first ones, but they treated them in the same way.

Finally, he sent his son to them, thinking, 'They will respect my son.'

But when the tenants saw the son, they said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and acquire his inheritance.' They seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.

What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?"

They answered him, "He will put those wretched men to a wretched death and lease his vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the proper times."

Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures: *The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes?*

Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit."

2020 Support St. John the Baptist



on Historic Strawberry Hill

Donations accepted through Dec. 31, 2020



Donation Form

It was heartbreaking to cancel the 2020 festival because it is part of our heritage. When the threat of COVID-19 has passed, we will gather once again to celebrate the Croatian Way!

But for this year, we still need your help! Our Croatian Festival is the major fundraiser for St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, raising more than \$60,000.

Each year, you contribute prizes, purchase food and drink and play at the raffle booths. Please consider donating those funds to St. John the Baptist. **We understand this comes without the fun and fellowship – and appreciate your selfless gesture.**

YES! I want to help preserve St. John the Baptist and our Catholic Croatian legacy.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Strawberry Fields - \$5,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> Strawberry Shortcake - \$250 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Strawberry Hill - \$2,500 | <input type="checkbox"/> Strawberry Preserves - \$100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Strawberry Patch - \$1,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> Strawberry Seed - \$50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Strawberry Plant - \$500 | <input type="checkbox"/> Strawberry Pie - the amount I spend at the festival
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Your Name: _____

Address: _____

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Do you want your name included in publications/social media? Yes No

You may drop this form in the weekly Mass collection with your payment or mail it to:

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Attention: Support SJB
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