

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Father Bill Fisher, Pastor

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Thirty-fourth or Last Sunday in Ordinary Time - Nov. 22, 2020



Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

Thanksgiving Day

Our nation's annual day of Thanksgiving will be celebrated this Thursday, Nov. 26.

There will not be a Mass celebrated on Thanksgiving.

Instead, please share your gratitude at home with your family.

We are very grateful to have you in our parish family. Although we cannot all come together in person during this time, we have stayed in touch through mail, phone and internet.

Stay safe and healthy - and pray that we may soon celebrate together once more.

With our Deepest Sympathy

Our dear friend and parish council member, George Dolinar, died on Nov. 7. He was 91.

We extend our sincere condolences to his family and his many friends.

"Junie" was a lifelong member of St. John the Baptist. He was active in the Senior Citizens where he was known for calling Bingo.

George shared his many books and his home-baked treats with others. He enjoyed sending birthday cards with a poem inside.

Junie is preceded in death by his parents, George and Helen (Delich) Dolinar, his wife, JoAnn Goodack Dolinar, son Marti, and three brothers.

He is survived by sisters Josephine Uniak and Rose Marie Gerkovich, niece Tricia Schwind and many more many nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass was held at the church on Nov. 17, with burial at Leavenworth National Cemetery.

Our Parish Family

Two parishioners are feeling under the weather. Let's give them a smile!

Barbara Palcher

8214 Everett Avenue, KCK, 66112

Dianne Fanning

2404 N. 100th St., KCK, 66109

And, as COVID-19 continues to spread, please keep your fellow parishioners, family and friends in prayers and thoughts.

Each day, more people close to us have contracted this virus. While some recover quickly, others suffer greatly.

Weekly Collection

Nov. 15, 2020

Envelopes:	\$ 3,795
Maintenance:	\$ 480
All Saints:	\$ 365
Candles:	\$ 35
Food Kitchen:	\$ 35
In Memoriam:	\$ 245

(In Memoriam donations were to remember George Dolinar, Helen Mahurin, Barbara Veselic and Joe Modrcin.)

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Be Joyful: Advent begins next week

Advent, which begins on Sunday, Nov. 29, is a season of preparation for the arrival of Jesus on Christmas Day. The name is derived from the Latin word “*ventus*” or “*coming*.”

The first Sunday of Advent is also the beginning of the liturgical year for Catholics. It is a joyous and hopeful occasion with a focus on preparation with festivity.

Purple is the color most associated with Advent and signifies penance. In addition, rose is used on the Third Sunday of Advent (also known as Gaudete Sunday) to represent the joy and happiness we feel in the weeks prior to Christmas.

St. John the Baptist

Our own parish patron, John the Baptist, is the focus of Advent. He is the immediate forerunner of Jesus as well as the link between the Old Testament prophets and Jesus himself.

His story is recounted on the Second and Third Sundays of Advent. John the Baptist was the voice crying out in the desert, “*Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths*” which is what we are called to do during this holy season.

He also directed attention from himself to Jesus, by saying, “*Behold, the Lamb of God.*” In one momentous gospel, he declared, “*He [Jesus] must increase; I must decrease.*”

The Advent Wreath

Many of us celebrate with an Advent Wreath, either homemade or purchased.

These are traditionally constructed of evergreen branches with four candles – three purple and one rose – to represent the four weeks of Advent. The wreath is a circle which represents everlasting life.

Candles are gradually lit. The first week, light a purple candle; the second week, two purple candles. The third week, light two purple candles and the rose candle. Finally, all candles are lit during the fourth week.

The candles should burn throughout the evening meal.

Family Time

We hope that you use Advent as family time to pray and light the advent wreath before the evening meal.

Involve children and grandchildren in gathering the materials or making the wreath.

Older children might be allowed to light the candles while younger ones could blow them out.

Sources: Catholic.org, Catholicnewsagency.com and Catholicculture.org



Blessing for the Advent Wreath

O God, by whose word all things are sanctified, pour forth thy blessing upon this wreath and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the Coming of Christ, and may receive from thee abundant graces. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Use this prayer to bless your Advent Wreath at home. Holy Water may be sprinkled on the wreath.

Prayer for the First Week of Advent

Repeat this prayer each day as one purple Advent candle is lit. Allow the candle to burn during the meal.

Leader: O Lord, stir up Thy might, we beg Thee, and come, that by Thy protection we may deserve to be rescued from the threatening dangers of our sins and saved by Thy deliverance. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Prayer for the Second Week of Advent

Light two purple candles this week.

Leader: O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son, that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure minds. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Additional Advent prayers will be published in the coming weeks.



First Reading

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will look after and tend my sheep.

As a shepherd tends his flock when he finds himself among his scattered sheep, so will I tend my sheep. I will rescue them from every place where they were scattered when it was cloudy and dark.

I myself will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest, says the Lord GOD.

The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy, shepherding them rightly. As for you, my sheep, says the Lord GOD, I will judge between one sheep and another, between rams and goats.

Responsorial Psalm

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul. He guides me in right paths for his name's sake.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my

head with oil; my cup overflows.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Reading 2

Brothers and sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since death came through man, the resurrection of the dead came also through man.

For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the firstfruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father, when he has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and power.

For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. When everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who subjected everything to him, so that God may be all in all.

Alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come!

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before

him.

And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.'

Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?'

And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.'

Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.'

Then they will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?'

He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.'

And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

Mass Readings for November 22, 2020
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Readings: usccb.org Photo: CatholicLivingToday



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

Anita Gasparovic

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. Cindrlich
 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
 Millie Sambol
 Mary Jean Podrebarac
 Al Boan
 Milka Subasic
 Anonymous - 8

Strawberry Preserves

The Sostarich Family
 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
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 Kathy Stimac
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 Verne & Velma Heshner
 Rita Rodina
 Anonymous - 12 donors

Strawberry Seed

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