

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Father Bill Fisher, Pastor

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 8, 2020

## For Those Whose Harvest is Poor

Creator God, for daily bread and all who work to bring your harvest home we bring our thanks today.

Forgive our ingratitude we who have so much yet waste what you have given.

For those whose harvest is poor, whose crops have withered, water tainted, children starve, help those who bring relief and bestow on us an unaccustomed generosity, that all might share from your garden and all might sing your praise.

Creator God, provider of all we bring our thanks today.

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## In Memoriam



We share our sincere condolences to the family of Barbara Carroll who died Oct. 24, 2020, in Mendota, Minn. She was 90.

Barbara was among 13 children born to Mato Horvat and Bara Sestric Horvat in Kansas City, KS. She was the sister of our former pastor Father Frank Horvat.

Services will be Nov. 10 at Mount Calvary Cemetery.

## Rosary Rally to be Nov. 15

The Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious mysteries of the Rosary will be offered at the November Holy Rosary Rally. The event will honor Our Blessed Mother and Our Lady of Fatima. A Benediction will follow.

Join the rally from 3 to 4:15 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 15, at All Saints Parish, 229 S. Eighth Street, KCK.

Please follow COVID-19 protocols, including the wearing of a mask, hand sanitizer and the practice of distancing. More information: [www.rosaryrallieskc.org](http://www.rosaryrallieskc.org)

## Weekly Collection

Nov. 1, 2020

Envelopes:	\$ 3,142
Maintenance:	\$ 870
All Saints:	\$ 290
The Leaven:	\$ 42
Candles:	\$ 21

## Thank you, Veterans!

Veterans Day, Nov. 11, honors those who have served our country in war or peace whether they have died or are still with us.

This day gives us an opportunity to express sincere gratitude and pay respects to those who sacrificed to serve our country - and to all of us, according to the U.S. Defense Department.

It is different than Memorial Day (in May) in which we remember veterans who gave their lives.

The holiday, originally called Armistice Day, was started to reflect upon the heroism of the brave men and women who died during World War I. The name was changed in 1954 to include veterans of all wars.

We celebrate Veterans Day on Nov. 11 which is the anniversary

of the signing of the Armistice that ended World War I in 1918.



Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, many of the Veterans Day celebrations have been cancelled, including the annual memorial Masses held by Catholic Cemeteries.

Please keep our veterans in your prayers. Many suffer deeply from physical and emotional wounds - all for our continued freedom.

Source: [defense.gov](http://defense.gov), [military.com](http://military.com)  
Photo: Veterans Affairs Dept.



*Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.*

We continue to receive food and money donations for our monthly Food Kitchen.

In December, our parish has been asked to provide 700 sack lunches - an increase from the 550 lunches we

have been preparing.

The pandemic, along with the loss of jobs and income, have left families in dire need.

Volunteers - more people are needed to assist in making the sack lunches.

Food - more will be required to fill the increasing number of lunch sacks. Each lunch has a sandwich, chips, pudding or fruit cup, and a dessert.

For some of us, the food kitchen means an additional item in the weekly

grocery cart. Others rely on our generosity for their daily sustenance.

As the holidays approach, consider including the Food Kitchen in your gift giving and your prayers.

Bring donations to the rectory, or sit back in your comfy chair and order from your Amazon Prime account. The link to our Amazon wish list is on our church website.

Thanks to all who have donated during the pandemic. Our lunch recipients appreciate your kindness and having a full tummy.

## Our Parish Family

### Thanksgiving Day

The parish office will be closed.

There will be no Mass on Thanksgiving Day. Please offer your gratitude to our Lord with family as you celebrate the holiday.

### Club Holiday Drawing

Remember to submit your tickets for the annual St. John's Catholic Club drawing.

Winners will be drawn at the Nov. 23 club meeting. Prizes include cash and turkeys. Cost is \$1.

Secure those tickets from a club member - or you might even find them available at Strawberry Hill businesses. The club supports our church - let's support the club!

Questions? Here is the email: stjohmensclub@sbcglobal.net.

### Birthday greetings to Father Peter

Send a Happy Birthday card to Father Peter. You can reach him at St. Mary-St. Anthony's, 615 N. Seventh St., Kansas City, KS, 66101.

His birthday is Nov. 26.

### To Saint Michael

Holy Michael the archangel, defend us in battle.

Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do you, O Prince of the heavenly host by the divine power thrust into hell Satan and all the other evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls.

*This prayer is said at the conclusion of our parish Mass.*

### Mother Cabrini – Feast Day Nov. 13

Frances Xavier Cabrini (1850-1917) was the first U.S. citizen to be canonized. Her deep trust in the loving care of her God gave her the strength to be a valiant woman doing the work of Christ.



Since her early childhood in Italy, Frances had wanted to be a missionary in China. At the urging of Pope Leo XIII, she instead traveled to New York City to work with Italian immigrants there.

The difficulties encountered made her all the more determined. In 35 years, Mother Cabrini founded 67

institutions dedicated to caring for the poor, the abandoned, the uneducated and the sick. She organized schools and adult education classes.

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### First Reading

Resplendent and unfading is wisdom, and she is readily perceived by those who love her, and found by those who seek her.

She hastens to make herself known in anticipation of their desire; Whoever watches for her at dawn shall not be disappointed, for he shall find her sitting by his gate.

For taking thought of wisdom is the perfection of prudence, and whoever for her sake keeps vigil shall quickly be free from care; because she makes her own rounds, seeking those worthy of her, and graciously appears to them in the ways, and meets them with all solicitude.

### 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.**

I will remember you upon my couch, and through the night-watches I will meditate on you: You are my help, and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy.

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

### Second Reading

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep.

Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep.

For the Lord himself, with a word of command, with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God, will come down from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Thus we shall always be with the Lord.

Therefore, console one another with these words.

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### Alleluia

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Stay awake and be ready! For you do not know on what day your Lord will come.

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### Gospel

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps.

Since the bridegroom was long delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight, there was a cry, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!'

Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise ones replied, 'No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.' While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked.

Afterwards the other virgins came and said, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.'

Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Mass Readings for November 8, 2020  
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Readings: [usccb.org](http://usccb.org) Photo: [CatholicLivingToday](http://CatholicLivingToday)