

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Father Bill Fisher, Pastor
Third Sunday of Lent - March 7, 2021

Call to Share

The Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas has begun the annual Archbishop's Call to Share appeal.

Donations are used to strengthen Catholic education, to support outreach programs, provide counseling, fund parish emergency requests and many other charities and Church ministries.

More information is available on the Archdiocese website at archkck.org.

You may choose to pledge or donate online with a credit or debit card.

So far, about a quarter of St. John's parishioners have made a donation. Here is the breakdown of donations:

Number of Households:	198
Number of Donors to Date:	54
% of Participants:	27%
Average Gift:	\$231

Target Amount:	\$18,176
% of Target:	69%
Total Pledge Amount:	\$12,455

Weekly Collections

February 28, 2021

Envelopes:	\$	3,604
Maintenance:	\$	385
Candles:	\$	38
Central/Eastern Europe	\$	45
Black & Indian Mission	\$	35
Latin America	\$	5
Catholic Relief	\$	25
Easter Flowers	\$	65
Priest Retirement	\$	45



Lord, you have the words
of everlasting life.

They are more precious
than gold...
John 6:68c

Our Parish Family

Mass Update

Mass has been cancelled for Thursday, March 11.

News about Phyllis

Our good friend and church secretary, Phyllis Hampton, is out of the hospital. Send "get well" wishes to her home. Your continuing prayers are appreciated.

Club Events

The guys at St. John's Catholic Club have been very busy! They are planning the Croatian Open Golf Tournament for May 14.

Details will be available soon on participation.

Meanwhile, they are accepting sponsorships of \$100, \$250 or \$500. Mail a check to the Club at 414 Barnett, Kansas City, KS, 66101; or pay through Venmo to @StJohnsClub.

Drive-thru Shrimp Dinner

Don't forget to reserve your shrimp dinner for March 26. Volunteers from St. John's Club will

cook it up and bring it to your car. Cost is \$17 for shrimp and sides.

Reserve now at 913-371-9690. Please pay in advance by mail or Venmo - the same information as the golf sponsorships.

Sweet memory

Sister Mary Praxeda taught kindergarten students at St. John's for generations. In the back of the classroom was a kid-size wonderland - the playhouse!

It was used for special occasions, like a child's birthday. And what a treat.

The playhouse is now housed in the Strawberry Hill Museum (formerly St. John's Orphanage.) Most of us won't fit inside, but we visit and reminisce about times past!

When the museum reopens after COVID, make sure to drop in. You can support the museum as a member for \$35 per year.

Learn more about the museum, the history of the building and the many ethnicities of Strawberry Hill at strawberryhillmuseum.org.

2021 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

St. John the Baptist and Holy Family Catholic Churches

Reservations are required for services as there is a maximum of 75 people allowed.
To reserve, call (913) 413-0022

TUESDAY, MARCH 30
Chrism Mass at Savior of the World Chapel
Live broadcast beginning at 11:00 a.m.
Archdiocesan Digital Media Center
<http://resources.archkck.org/live>



HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 1
6:30 p.m., Holy Family Church
*Reservation Required

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES, APRIL 2
3:00 p.m., St. John the Baptist
*Registration Required



HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 3

BLESSING OF FOOD
1:00 p.m., St. John the Baptist
*Reservation Required
2:00 p.m., Holy Family

EASTER VIGIL
7:30 p.m., St. John the Baptist
*Registration Required

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4
7:30 a.m., St. John the Baptist (if needed) *Reservation Required//No Music
9:00 a.m., St. John the Baptist *Reservation Required
10:30 a.m. - Holy Family Church *Reservation Required



First Reading

In those days, God delivered all these commandments: “I, the LORD, am your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery.

You shall not have other gods besides me. You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything in the sky above or on the earth below or in the waters beneath the earth; you shall not bow down before them or worship them.

For I, the LORD, your God, am a jealous God, inflicting punishment for their fathers’ wickedness on the children of those who hate me, down to the third and fourth generation; but bestowing mercy down to the thousandth generation on the children of those who love me and keep my commandments.

“You shall not take the name of the LORD, your God, in vain. For the LORD will not leave unpunished the one who takes his name in vain.

“Remember to keep holy the sabbath day. Six days you may labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD, your God.

No work may be done then either by you, or your son or daughter, or your male or female slave, or your beast, or by the alien who lives with

you.

In six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them; but on the seventh day he rested. That is why the LORD has blessed the sabbath day and made it holy.

“Honor your father and your mother, that you may have a long life in the land which the LORD, your God, is giving you.

You shall not kill.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor’s house.

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Responsorial Psalm

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul; The decree of the LORD is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple.

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the command of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eye.

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Left page picture: Cleansing of the Temple, Sixth Century Anonymous
Right page picture: The Purification of the Temple, El Greco (1541-1614)
Both pictures: Liturgytools.net

everlasting life.

The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true, all of them just.

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

They are more precious than gold, than a heap of purest gold; sweeter also than syrup or honey from the comb.

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Second Reading

Brothers and sisters: Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

Verse Before the Gospel

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might have eternal life.

Gospel

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there.

He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace."

His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, *Zeal for*

your house will consume me.

At this the Jews answered and said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?"

Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up."

The Jews said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?"

But he was speaking about the temple of his body.

Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken.

While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, many began to believe in his name when they saw the signs he was doing.

But Jesus would not trust himself to them because he knew them all, and did not need anyone to testify about human nature.

He himself understood it well.



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