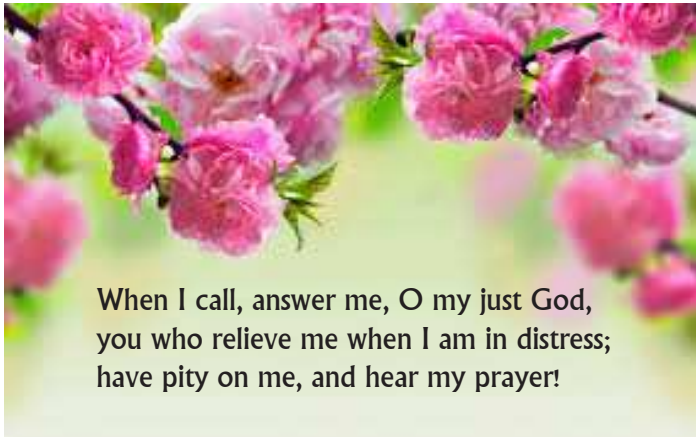


St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Father Bill Fisher, Pastor
Third Sunday of Easter, April 18, 2021



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you who relieve me when I am in distress;
have pity on me, and hear my prayer!

Call to Share Update

The Archbishop's yearly appeal funds youth ministries, offers professional development to instructors, works with special needs students and provides marriage and family renewal for couples.

There are also outreach ministries for the local pregnancy clinics and emergency funds for our schools and parishes.

As of April 11, the parishioners at St. John the Baptist donated \$17,620. This is 97 percent of our parish goal of \$18,176.

About 70 families (out of 198 families) have made a contribution. The average gift is \$252.

That means 128 families have made no contribution - you still have time!

In Wyandotte County, two parishes have already exceeded their parish goals. Congratulations to Holy Family and St. Patrick's.

Stay current with updates on our church website.

Calling St. John's Seniors

A meeting and get-together is planned for the seniors on Wednesday, May 12. Final details will be published soon! Get ready to see your friends.

Mass Intentions

Thursday, April 22

No 8 a.m. Mass

10 a.m. Funeral Mass for Floyd Soptic

Sunday, April 18 (9 a.m.)

Parish of St. John the Baptist

Our Parish Family

Condolences to the Soptic Family

We are saddened by the loss of our friend and parishioner, Floyd M. Soptic, 86, who died April 15.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be 10 a.m., Thursday, April 22 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church with burial following at Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

Floyd was born May 13, 1934, on Strawberry Hill to Joseph and Mary (Bros) Soptic. He served in the US Army and later worked for Carpet Corners.

Floyd was a diligent volunteer for our church and St. John's Catholic Club. He helped with Masses and used his skills to make repairs on the grounds. We will miss him dearly.

Survivors are his son Greg (Linda) Soptic, grandchildren Daniel (Carla) Soptic and Jennifer (Eric) Wynne; great-granddaughter Hannah Soptic; sisters Norma Uziel and Dolores Schwind. He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Joseph and Frank, and sisters Louise Ordway, Mary Driver and Josephine Reddy.

Croatian Open

The Golf Tournament Fundraiser for St. John's Catholic Club is accepting golfers for a waiting list. The event will be May 14, beginning at 7:30 a.m.

Thanks to all for the fantastic response as all spots have been filled!

You may participate as a tournament sponsor for \$100, \$250 or \$500. The deadline is this week.

All proceeds will directly benefit St. John's Catholic Club, so be generous!

Mail a check to the club at 414 Barnett, KCK, 66101 or pay by Venmo @stjcc.

Food Kitchen

Yes, indeed - people in our community continue to need our help for food. St. John's, along with Holy Family, St. Mary-St. Anthony's and All Saints, served 661 sack lunches on April 12.

Keep those donations coming! Because our church office is closed, please take items to Holy Family Church office for now.

As always, your generosity is greatly appreciated in feeding our hungry.

Getting back to normal with COVID 19 vaccines

We are pleased to hear that so many of our parishioners have made the choice to take a COVID 19 vaccine to protect their health and that of those around them.

The vaccines are free. Throughout Kansas, those who are 16 and older may receive a vaccine, although each county has a different process for getting the shots.

Wyandotte County

(wycokck.org or call 311)

There are now three clinics serving those who have an appointment or want to walk in at their convenience. Rides are available for people in need.

- **The Armory, 100 S. 20th St., KCK** – Hours are 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. A Saturday clinic is planned April 24, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., but will only serve those 18 and older.
- For the other two clinics, hours will be 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, at the **former Kmart, 7836 State Avenue, KCK** (closed April 19), and the **former**

Best Buy, 10500 Parallel Parkway,
KCK (closed April 26.)

Information is updated weekly on the website.

Johnson County

(jocogov.org or (913) 715-2819)

Appointments are required for everyone and can be scheduled on the website or by phone. Once you have the first vaccine, the second will be automatically scheduled.

The clinic is located at 15500 W. 108th St., Lenexa.

Leavenworth County

(leavenworthcounty.gov)

Here, vaccinations are available to only to those 18 and older.

Kansas City, MO

Visit the Jackson County, MO, website, or call 311 for information on the many places now offering the vaccine.

Additional locations

Vaccine appointments may now be available for those 16 and older at hospitals like St. Luke's, Kansas University Medical Center and others.

Local pharmacies may also have appointments at open. These include CVS, Balls Food stores, Walgreens and Walmart.



Weekly Collections April 11, 2021

Envelopes:	\$ 3630
Maintenance:	\$ 855
Easter:	\$ 5
Good Friday:	\$ 5
Candles:	\$ 96
Food Kitchen:	\$ 40
Priest Retirement:	\$ 55
Catholic Relief:	\$ 5

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First Reading

Peter said to the people: “The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and denied in Pilate’s presence when he had decided to release him.

“You denied the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you.

“The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead; of this we are witnesses.

“Now I know, brothers, that you acted out of ignorance, just as your leaders did; but God has thus brought to fulfillment what he had announced beforehand through the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer.

Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away.”

Responsorial Psalm

R. Lord, let your face shine on us.

When I call, answer me, O my just God, you who relieve me when I am in distress; have pity on me, and hear my prayer!

R. Lord, let your face shine on us.

Know that the LORD does wonders for his faithful one; the LORD will hear me when I call upon him.

R. Lord, let your face shine on us.

O LORD, let the light of your countenance shine upon us! You put gladness into my heart.

R. Lord, let your face shine on us.

As soon as I lie down, I fall peacefully asleep, for you alone, O LORD, bring security to my dwelling.

R. Lord, let your face shine on us.

Second Reading

My children, I am writing this to you so that you may not commit sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one.

He is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world.

The way we may be sure that we know him is to keep his commandments.

Those who say, “I know him,” but do not keep his commandments are liars, and the truth is not in them.

But whoever keeps his word, the love of God is truly perfected in him.

Alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us; make our hearts burn while you speak to us.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

The two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way, and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of bread.

While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost.

Then he said to them, “Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts?

Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have.”

And as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.

While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed, he asked them, “Have you anything here to eat?”

They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them.

He said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled.”

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.

And he said to them, “Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.”

Readings for April 18, 2021
Third Sunday of Easter

Picture: liturgytools.net
Christ Appears to the Disciples on the Mountain in Galilee
Buoninsegna di Duccio, 1319
Panel from the Maestra Altarpiece of Siena