

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Father Bill Fisher, Pastor

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord and Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 16, 2021



Mass Intentions

Thursday, May 20 - 8 a.m. Mass
Mary Ann Mikesic and Catherine D. Shaeffer

Thursday, May 27 - 8 a.m. Mass
Kristina Baric and Mary Beth Plese Forsythe

Thursday, June 3 - 8 a.m. Mass
Mary Ann Schneider

Sunday Masses 9 a.m.
Parish of St. John the Baptist

Loving God, please grant me peace of mind and calm my troubled heart.

My soul is like a turbulent sea. I can't seem to find my balance so I stumble and worry constantly.

Give me the strength and clarity of mind to find my purpose and walk the path you've laid out for me.

Xavier University

Quick Update

Our next bulletin will be June 6.

If we have important information, we will share it on our church Facebook page or through our email list.

Join our email list by sending your email address to OurCroatianParish@gmail.com.

Sadly, our parish office remains closed. Bernadette Horvat, Kathy Kovac and Heather Rebeck continue to respond to phone calls and requests. Your patience is appreciated.

Phyllis, we miss you and are glad to hear you continue to get stronger each day.

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

The Ascension of our Lord is 40 days after Easter. So this feast day would be on a Thursday.

However, in the U.S., the Ascension may be celebrated on Sunday or Thursday. Here, we will observe the feast day on Sunday, May 16.

Our sister parishes on the East Coast continue with tradition by having "Ascension Thursday" which occurred on May 13.

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is the formal name for the commemoration of the bodily ascension of Jesus into heaven.

There is no written documentation until the fifth century when St. Augustine wrote about the Ascension as being of Apostolic origin. Further, he suggests that the event was universally observed long before his time.

The customs connected with the liturgy of the Ascension include the blessing of beans and grapes or the first fruits, and the blessing of a candle. There were processions with torches outside the churches. Catholics carried banners bearing the lion and dragon to signify Christ's ascension over evil.

Liturgies for this day celebrate the completion of the salvation, the pledge of our glorification with Christ and His entry into heaven with our human nature glorified.

"He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father."

Story sources:
NewAdvent.org
and CatholicCulture.org

Photo:
Catholic.org



Our Parish News

Father Peter's Anniversary

Congratulations to Father Peter M. Jaramillo on his 40th year as a priest.

A celebration Mass is planned at 2 p.m., Sunday, May 23, at St. Mary-St. Anthony Church, 615 N. 7th St., KCK.

Following Mass, an outdoor reception will be held.

Join Father Peter for this momentous occasion. Send cards, good wishes and prayers to him at St. Mary-St. Anthony.

First Communion

Monica Garcia made her First Communion recently.

Her parents would like to offer their sincere appreciation to the many parishioners who recognized their daughter on this momentous occasion.

Call to Share Update

Our parish donations to Call to Share have not changed in the last month.

We continue to fall just short of our target contribution with a total of \$17,620, which is 97 percent of the \$18,176 goal.

St. John's Catholic Club

The club is now open for parties. Check for availability by sending a text to (913) 238-9648.

UEFA Euro 2021 Watch Parties

Hey soccer fans - the watch parties are underway at St. John's Catholic Club to watch the games.



Times are 1-3:30 p.m., Thursday, June 10 and Monday, June 14.

Altar Society

Collect your Best Choice UPC codes to help the St. John's Altar Society raise money. Drop them in the weekly collection basket or deposit in the slot of the rectory's back door.

Through June 20

Baby Bottle Boomerang Project - pick up a baby bottle in church and fill it with change (and dollars and checks!) Return by Father's Day.

Tuesday, May 18

6 p.m. - Festival Committee Meeting, Church Basement

Sunday, May 23

2 p.m. - Jubilee Celebration Mass for Father Peter M. Jaramillo, St. Mary-St. Anthony. An outdoor reception will follow.

Monday, June 14

Food Kitchen - Drop off items at the Holy Family Church office while our rectory is closed.

Friday, June 18

6:30 p.m. - Bishop Ward Class of 1980 40th Reunion.

Monday, October 4

Strawberry Hill Altar Societies will host a golf tournament at Sunflower Hills Golf Course. Save the date.

Weekly Collections

May 9, 2021

Envelopes:	\$	4,297
Maintenance:	\$	340
Candles:	\$	135
Mass Intentions:	\$	20
Ascension:	\$	65
Donations:	\$	279
Mother's Day:	\$	217
Food Kitchen:	\$	40
Catholic Communication	\$	5

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St. John's Catholic Club

(913) 371-9690 (Messages only)

Email: stjohnsmensclub@sbcglobal.net

Prayer Line: (913) 281-4448

It takes a village to raise a child. On Strawberry Hill, it takes four churches to feed 750 for one lunch every month.

Together, St. John the Baptist, Holy Family, St. Mary-St. Anthony and All Saints churches provide lunches for the Food Kitchen one day each month. Our cost for each lunch is about \$1 per person.

Our parishes receive both money and food donations to support this effort. When these donations do not cover the lunches, the churches pay for the remainder. Here is a breakdown of the monthly costs:

Chopped ham	\$166
Cheese	\$ 62
Bread	\$ 55
Mustard	\$ 12
Foil sheets	\$ 11
Applesauce	\$150
Pudding	\$143
Spoons	\$ 14
Drinks	\$112
Chips	\$ 20
Plastic bags	\$ 13
Napkins	\$ 10
Total	\$768

As you can see, your contributions are greatly appreciated. With all of us making a small contribution, it makes a huge difference in someone's life.

So, buy some pudding cups or individual packages of chips while you are at the grocery store – deliver to the Holy Family church office (while our rectory is closed). Click on our Amazon Prime Wish List from our church website. Drop a check into the weekly collection basket.

Or, offer your contribution with

time. Help is always needed in making the lunches – contact us at OurCroatianParish@gmail.com.



Volunteers are needed by the Food Kitchen for all weekdays. The Food Kitchen is located at 645 Nebraska Avenue, KCK. Info: (913) 281-5638.

In Memoriam

Pat Walizek, who headed the Food Kitchen initiative for many years, passed away recently.

Feeding the hungry is her legacy and she will be greatly missed.

Catholic Charities News

If someone you know is in need of groceries, please refer them to the Catholic Charities Family Support Center Food Pantry.

The pantry is now open four days a week. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday, 600 Minnesota Avenue, KCK.

Volunteers are also needed to support this endeavor. Contact: ccnekvolunteers@catholiccharitiesks.org or call (913) 433-2100. Hours are flexible.



Mass dispensation ends June 5

The Archbishop's dispensation for Mass attendance will end the weekend of June 5-6. All Catholics in the archdiocese will again be obligated to participate in Holy Mass in person.

Dispensation was originally granted in March 2020 to keep parishioners safe because of the public health crisis due to the COVID virus.

In his column in The Leaven newspaper, Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann said with the widespread availability of an effective vaccine, the rising rate of immunity, and reduction of hospitalization and death, it is time to end the dispensation.

Meanwhile, local parishes will prepare to host more parishioners at weekend Masses. At St. John the Baptist, you will see more space available in the pews and the eventual addition of a Saturday Mass.

If you have not received your COVID vaccine, please do so to protect yourself and others from the virus and the variants that have emerged.

COVID Vaccine Update

Vaccines are now being offered for free to **everyone who is 12 and older**. Kansas and Missouri residents who meet age guidelines can receive shots at these Wyandotte County locations:

The Armory, 100 S. 20th St., KCK

Hours: 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday. Note: Saturdays are for 18+.

Former Kmart, 7836 State Ave., KCK

Hours: 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; and noon to 7 p.m., Wednesdays.

Former Best Buy, 10500 Parallel, KCK

Hours: 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday.