

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Father Joseph Arsenault, SSA, Pastor
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, June 20, 2021



Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.

A Summer Prayer

Long warm days...
The pace of life slows...
A time for picnics and rest in the shade...
Lord, help me to rest awhile
in the cooling shade of your presence.
Slow down my restless heart and fill me
with gentle compassion for all your people.
Author Unknown

Our Parish News

Phyllis Hampton retires

1989. The World Wide Web was invented. The Simpsons aired its first episode. The Berlin Wall came down. And Phyllis Hampton became the secretary at St. John the Baptist.

After three decades of serving parishioners, Phyllis has retired. Phyllis knew everyone and everyone knew her.

Earlier this year, she had two major surgeries due to an infection in her gastric system. Recovery was months in the making. Only now, she is feeling more like herself.

Together, she and her husband Richard, decided it was a good time for retirement.

"I'm so happy," she said. "I enjoyed working and had a lot of fun. And, I will continue to help. Look for me, I'll be around."

Phyllis has been the brain trust of our parish. Hired by Father John Yadrich, she also served with Father Frank Horvat, Father Peter Jaramillo, Father Bill Fisher and Father Joseph Arsenault.

When she started, the grade school was still open. The grounds were filled with joyful voices of children and teachers.

Sometimes children came to the office to fold bulletins. Those students, now grown, often returned to the office or flagged her down in the grocery store for a hello.

"We are a community," she said. "We are all here for a purpose – faith, love and to serve one another.

And, the best part of the job was helping her flock, in good times and bad. Funerals were tough, she said. "I felt their pain."

The favor was returned during her illness as fellow

parishioners sent cards, said prayers and called.

Our Parish Council will be talking about how to fill the big shoes that Phyllis has left behind. And, she will be around to share a lifetime of information for her replacement. Now, she is taking time for her health and enjoying her family, especially those handsome grandsons.

2021 Croatian Festival Update

Welcome back to our annual Croatian Festival! Mark your calendar for Saturday, Aug. 21.

After a year of hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we will be celebrating our Croatian heritage with food, fun and music.

Some activities will be eliminated (for this year) to help with physical distancing. However, you will still see many favorites: raffles for povitica, apple strudel, salami and the strawberry basket; the kids' area; Croatian stew; hamburgers and hot dogs; and lively music.

Unfortunately, the sarma dinner will not be available - the kitchen and auditorium are always very crowded. We will be serving sausage dinners with sides and dessert.

Our festival is a century-old Croatian legacy of celebration that helps St. John the Baptist Church raise money for maintenance and operations.

Although we cancelled the festival last year, we were fortunate that friends and parishioners were very generous. Participation in the money raffle, 50/50 raffles and Support St. John's donations helped us raise more than \$42,000.

Thank you so much for your continued support. We look forward to getting together with family and friends after such a long absence.



Celebrate dads - today and every day!

Ties, barbeque utensils or tools – the typical Father’s Day gifts are usually followed by a family meal (and hopefully, dessert.)

Today is Father’s Day. We thank our dads, papas, daddys and fathers for their wise and loving presence in our lives.

When we are young, they spin us in the air and answer our “whys.” They help with homework, take us camping and practice playing ball. They come to our concerts, games

and school events. They give us away at our wedding, help us fix things and dispense wise words.

In Catholic European countries, Father’s Day has been celebrated on March 19, the feast day of St. Joseph, since the Middle Ages. Many also honor their parish priest – the spiritual father – as well as their own parent.

The U.S. has marked dad’s special day as the third Sunday in June since 1910.

It has been suggested that the honor began when Sonora Smart Dodd and her five brothers attended a Mother’s Day ceremony in church. The siblings had been raised by a single father and looked to appreciate the role of their dad and others. She chose June 5 – her

father’s birthday.

Measures to create a national holiday failed in 1913 and again in 1966. It finally passed in 1972.

There is speculation about why Mother’s Day originated in 1914, but the same sentiment did not catch on for dads: business! Moms enjoyed flowers, candy, cards and gifts, and it brought in revenue to many shops. Unfortunately, dads just did not generate the business then.

So, give a gift, buy a card or cook a meal. Tell your dad or father figure how important he is, and the difference he made in your life. Spend the day – grilling, boating, playing ball or just talking.

Sources: Almanac.com and Wikipedia

Sunday, June 20

9 a.m. Mass - Choir returns. Pew ribbons have been removed, masks are no longer mandatory and the front door is open for entry.

Please bring Baby Bottle donations!

Tuesday, June 22

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

Saturday, June 26

8:30 a.m. - Making povitica for the festival, Auditorium. Helpers welcome!



Sunday, June 27

9 a.m. - Archbishop’s Mass to install Father Joseph as our pastor. Coffee and donuts served afterward at St. John’s Club.

Tuesday, June 29

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

Saturday, July 3

4 p.m. Mass begins at Holy Family;

confessions will be heard before Mass.
Wednesday, July 14

11 a.m. - St. John’s Senior Meeting, Church Basement

Saturday, July 17

8 a.m. - Making apple strudels for festival, church basement

Saturday, Aug. 7

4 p.m. Mass begins at St. John the Baptist

Saturday, Aug. 21

5 p.m. Croatian Festival

Weekly Collections

June 13, 2021

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| Envelopes: | \$ | 3,490 |
| Maintenance: | \$ | 680 |
| Candles: | \$ | 63 |
| Peter Pence: | \$ | 5 |
| Father’s Day: | \$ | 65 |
| Food Kitchen: | \$ | 40 |

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Nativity of St. John the Baptist - June 24

Prayer to St. John the Baptist

O God, you raised up St. John the Baptist to prepare a perfect people for Christ.

Fill Your people with the joy of possessing His grace, and direct the minds of all faithful in the way of peace and salvation.

Grant that St. John was martyred for truth and justice, so we may energetically profess our Faith in You, and lead others to the Way, the Truth, and Eternal Life. Amen.

Prayer: catholicwalton.com; Image: Catholic Tradition



Mass Intentions

June 20 - 9 a.m. Sunday Mass
Happy Father's Day!
Our Parish Parishioners

June 24 - 8 a.m. Thursday Mass
Tom Lally

June 27 - 9 a.m. Sunday Mass
Archbishop Naumann celebrates
Mass to install Father Joseph
Arsenault as pastor.

Our Parish People

40th anniversary of Ordination

Father Mark Goldasich, a St. John's Grade School graduate, will celebrate 40 years as a priest.

He was ordained at St. John's on July 11, 1981, and celebrated his first Mass at St. John's the next day.

Father Mark attended Savior of the World Seminary and earned a bachelors degree in German from the College of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN. He studied theology in Rome.

He is the editor of *The Leaven* and writes a weekly column. He is pastor of Sacred Heart Church, 1100 West Street, Tonganoxie, KS, 66086.

60 years of Catholic service

Sister Barbara Kushan, SCL, will mark 60 years of profession of vows to the consecrated life this summer.

She is the daughter of the late Jim and Jenny Kushan and a 1955 graduate of St. John the Baptist Grade School.

A Mass of Thanksgiving to celebrate her Golden Anniversary was held 10 years ago at our church.

Sister Barbara now resides at Sisters of Charity Motherhouse, 4200 S. 4th St., Leavenworth, KS 66048.

Congratulations to these dedicated servants of our Lord!

Mass Changes

You will see changes in our Masses - a signal that we are moving closer to a post-pandemic situation.

The 4 p.m. Saturday Mass begins July 3 at Holy Family Church. (See the schedule on this page.)

Father Joseph will rotate the Saturday service each month between our two churches. He will hear confession before the Mass.

Today, our choir will be back in the loft and pew ribbons were removed. The church's front door is open once again. Masks are no longer mandatory.

Continue precautions

While things might seem normal again, remember that COVID is here.

Three of every four people in Wyandotte County are NOT vaccinated and could spread the virus.

Pope Francis has said it is the moral responsibility of all to get a COVID vaccine to protect ourselves and others.

Herd immunity is believed to occur when 70 percent of the population is fully vaccinated. In Kansas, that number is only 37 percent - we have a long way to go.

The news has also reported that a new COVID variant has appeared.

Please continue to be safe!

4 p.m. Saturday Evening Mass Schedule

The 4 p.m. Saturday Mass will alternate monthly between St. John the Baptist and Holy Family churches.

Father Joseph will begin the Saturday Mass with Holy Family on July 3. The service will move to our parish on Aug. 7.

Confession will be offered before the Saturday Mass.

Holy Family

January
March
May
July
September
November

St. John the Baptist

February
April
June
August
October
December