### St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Father Joseph M Arsenault, SSA, Pastor Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 4, 2021



#### **Thanksgiving**

For each new morning with its light,
For rest and shelter of the night,
For health and food,
For love and friends,
For everything thy goodness sends.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

### Our Parish News

#### **Baby Bottle Boomerang**

Your small change has made a big difference! Thanks to all who donated to the Baby Bottle Boomerang for the Wyandotte Pregnancy Clinic. A total of \$520 was collected.

#### Food Kitchen

We are collecting donations and food items for our monthly Food Kitchen on July 12.

Thanks to all who continue to share their resources by sending checks, bringing food and ordering from Amazon Prime. Our church is so fortunate to have generous parishioners.

A huge thanks to Sandy Cannon who has been coordinating this worthy effort.

#### **Apple Strudel making**

Our talented Altar Society members will be making apple strudels for our Croatian Festival. The bakers will gather at 8 a.m., Saturday, July 17, in the church basement. Join us for this delicious tradition!

### 2021 Croatian Festival Update

Parishioners, St. John's Club members and other friends of St. John the Baptist - check your mailbox. Your letters and all festival forms are on the way.

If you need extra forms, please visit our church website.

#### Wow!

Your forms for the Croatian Sausage Dinner, sponsorships, money raffle and 50/50 raffles are flying in!

We appreciate your enthusiastic interest in our festival and the generous response.

Beginning next week, we will share the Support St. John's contributors in our bulletin. So far, we received \$4,000 in sponsorships.

#### Strawberry Hill Boutique

Wear your Croatian pride! Check out our Strawberry Hill Boutique. Stay tuned for photos on our website.

We have strawberry earrings and necklaces as well as costume jewelry and watches.

The T-shirts are from our last festival and will be sold for \$15. Sizes range from toddler to adult. There are two styles, both designed by Michael Savage, who attended St. John the Baptist grade school.

#### Prize donations needed

Leave prizes in the church basement or donate via Amazon Prime. The web address for the Amazon festival wish list is on the church website.

#### Kids' Area

2-liter bottles of pop; boxes of kiddo treats like cookies, candy or chips; jars of pretzels or cheese puffs - watch for those holiday sales!

#### Strawberry Baskets

Anything with strawberries - like kitchen items or decorations, stickers, food or candy

#### Strawberry boutique

Check your jewelry box. If you don't love it, say a Marie Kondo thanks and we will give it a new home.

2021 Croatian Festival Saturday, Aug. 21

# Happy Fourth of July!



#### The Pledge of Allegiance

I pledge allegiance to the Flag,
Of the United States of
America
And to the Republic
for which it stands,
One Nation, under God
Indivisible, with Liberty and
Justice for All.

## Our Parish People

#### With Deepest Sympathies

Our condolences to friends and parishioners, Maria and Slavo Ivicak.

Sadly, Janko Ivicak died on June 30 in Zadar, Croatia. He was Slavo's brother.

Janko lived in Australia for most of his life but returned home a few years ago.

We are very sorry for your loss.

#### Feeding the soul

Once again, we extend our thanks to George Dragush for sharing his homegrown veggies with fellow parishioners. Everyone appreciates a green thumb!

Say Happy Birthday to George - he will be 82 on July 8.

Need his address? Send us an email.

#### Congratulations!

Milka Subasic has two reasons to be proud.

Grandson Teo has earned his degree in accounting from UMKC and is studying to become a certified public accountant.

Her granddaughter, Stella,

graduated from Bishop Ward High School. This fall, she will begin her studies at Kansas City Kansas Community College.

#### Make 'em smile

Keep in touch with good friends. A card is a great way to say hello. Here's a few suggestions:

> Bernice Novosel Rose Estates, Suite 74 12700 Antioch, Overland Park, KS 66213

> Barbara Palcher
> Call for her new address.

Catherine Podrebarac
Her address is in the church directory.

#### Share your news!

Birthdays, anniversaries and other big events are for sharing and helps us stay in touch.

Don't be shy! Let us know the things that are important. Email: OurCroatianParish@gmail.com or call Joanne Lally.

#### **Mass Intentions**

July 4 - 9 a.m. Sunday Mass St. John's Parishioners

July 8 - 8 a.m. Thursday Mass John Kalcic Mirica Black



#### Friday, July 9

8:30 a.m. - prepare sack lunches for Food Kitchen on July 12. Donations and volunteers are needed!

#### Wednesday, July 14

11 a.m. - St. John's Senior Meeting, church basement.

#### Thursday, July 15

6 p.m. - Festival Committee Meeting, church basement.

#### Saturday, July 17

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

#### Sunday, July 18

Altar Society meeting after 9 a.m. Mass.

#### Thursday, Aug. 5

6 p.m. - Festival Committee Meeting, church basement.

#### Saturday, Aug. 7

4 p.m. Mass begins at St. John the Baptist and continues throughout August. Confessions will be heard before Mass.

### Monday, Aug. 13

Food Kitchen

#### Saturday, Aug. 21

4 p.m. Mass

5 p.m. Croatian Festival

#### Monday, Oct. 4

Strawberry Hill Altar Societies Second Annual Golf Tournament at Sunflower Hills Golf Course. Proceeds will benefit the Food Kitchen. Save the date!

### Thank you, St. John's Altar Society









Photos: Karen Wittman



The fresh scent of baking bread filled the auditorium on June 26 as volunteers made povitica just like grandma used to do.

How wonderful it was to see the newcomers who came to learn this tasty tradition from the veteran bakers.

It seemed as if every Croatian family had someone who had mastered the art of povitica - the stretching, spreading the nut mixture, rolling and baking to perfection.

The poviticas have been frozen and will be ready for raffle prizes at the 2021 Croatian Festival on Aug. 21.

# Weekly Collections June 27, 2021

Envelopes: \$ 3,060

Maintenance: \$ 1,477

Candles: \$ 56

Poor: \$ 0

Peter's Pence: \$ 50

Food Kitchen: \$ 75

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