

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Father Joseph M Arsenault, SSA, Pastor
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sept. 26, 2021

"Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us."

Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me.

"For whoever is not against us is for us. Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward."

Today's Gospel: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48



2021 Croatian Festival Wrap-Up

The 2021 Croatian Festival netted **\$68,760** for our parish.

Despite the light crowd, this is the most money ever made by our century-old social!

In comparison, the 2019 total was \$61,590. In 2020, even with no festival, we brought in \$43,395.

We are pleased - and awestruck - by this wonderful news. Our festival has grown by leaps and bounds - and has become an event that draws crowds from beyond our little parish.

2021 Croatian Festival

Interestingly, only one-third of the funds (\$18,005) raised came from sales on the night of the festival. The other two-thirds (\$50,755) of the church proceeds came in advance from sponsorships and raffles.

This year's profit included: \$34,060 from Support St. John's sponsorships; \$12,400 from the 50/50 Mini and Maxi Raffles; \$4,295 from the Money Raffle; and \$18,005 from the night of the festival, including prize

booths, boutique and jewelry, kids' area, food and beer.

We want to extend our gratitude and appreciation to Kathy Kovac for the many hours she spent each week on our festival.

We are so thankful for her diligent financial reporting. During the past year, she has volunteered her time to take of the festival as well as weekly collections and church expenses.

Purpose of the festival

Although the festival brings needed income to our church, it also brings our community together and allows us to share our long-held traditions with people in the metro area. Thanks again to everyone for a successful event.

Mass Intentions

Sept. 26 - 9 a.m. Sunday Mass
St. John's Parishioners

Sept. 30 - 8 a.m. Thursday Mass
No Mass - Father will be at a Priest Convocation

Oct. 2 - 4 p.m. Saturday Mass, St. John's
Livojevic Family
Mke and Barbara Kralj
Anna Kralj
Fabina Family

Croatian Festival Proceeds			
	2021	2020	2019
Sponsorships	\$ 34,060.00	\$ 30,695.00	\$ 21,600.00
50/50 Raffle	\$ 12,400.00	\$ 12,700.00	\$ 7,600.00
Money Raffle	\$ 4,295.00	N/A	\$ 4,158.00
Festival Night*	\$ 18,005.00	N/A	\$ 28,000.00
	\$ 68,760.00	\$ 43,395.00	\$ 61,358.00

*Booths, boutique, jewelry, kids' area, food and beer

Strawberry Hill Golf Tournament



Hosted by the Altar Societies

St. John the Baptist, Holy Family & St. Mary-St. Anthony



Monday, Oct. 4 - 1 p.m. Shotgun Start
Sunflower Hills Golf Course
12200 Riverview Road, Bonner Springs, KS

Join us for the Second Annual Golf Tournament! All proceeds will benefit the Food Kitchen.

- Count me in! \$100 per person include green fees, golf cart, food and beverages

Your Name: _____

Teammates: _____

Sponsor a hole! \$100

This is a great way to honor a loved one, name your business or just support the Altar Societies.

- Yes! I would like to participate.

How would you like your sponsorship to read: _____

Donate a prize!

We would appreciate donations of raffle prizes such as gift cards, wine, spirits or food baskets.

Pick-up or drop-off can be scheduled.

- Please contact me! _____

You may drop this form in the weekly Mass collection with your payment or mail it to:

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Attention: Altar Society

708 N. 4th Street, Kansas City, KS, 66101

Information: kelmoutray@gmail.com, cshomin@everestkc.net or csandyangels@aol.com

Our Parish News

Church Directory

Please remember to schedule an appointment time to have your picture taken for the new church directory.

It does not cost anything for the photo - and you will receive an 8 x 10 portrait for your participation. Help us to include everyone in the directory!

Time and place for pictures

The photo will just take 10 minutes. Choose a convenient time:

Tuesday, Oct. 19 and Wednesday, Oct. 20 - 2 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at St. John the Baptist

Thursday, Oct. 21 and Friday, Oct. 22 - 2 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Holy Family

Saturday, Oct. 23 - 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Holy Family

How to sign up for pictures

If you are tech-savvy, make an appointment online - the link is on the church website.

You can also complete the photo appointment form (see page 6) - we will make your appointment and contact you with the exact time. Or, call Kathy Lally Bareiss to make an appointment by phone - (480) 926-8715.

Volunteers Needed for Resurrection School

The children need you! Enrich their lives and you will enrich your own!

You can sign up for a month or the whole year to help at Resurrection Catholic School.

A teacher helper is wanted for the third-grade class. Or, hang out during the lunch hour to help staff members supervise the children.

Contact Felicia at the school, (913) 371-8101, or fholcomb@rcksk.org.

Raffle tickets for Resurrection School

Do you like to win cash? Buy your ticket for the Resurrection Catholic School fundraiser.

Tickets are \$5 each and the prizes are \$1,500, \$500 and \$250. Great!

And how easy is this.....tickets will be available after Holy Mass on Saturday, Oct. 2, and Sunday, Oct. 3, at our church. Please help our kiddos!

Reach BackWARD to be HomeWARD Bound

Bishop Ward High School alumni - unite for the annual reunion. It will begin at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16, at the school, 708 N. 18th St., KCK.

The theme is "The Groovy Seventies" and you are encouraged to dress the part. Be a hippie or a Disco Queen.

Ladies, pull out your favorite mini skirt or maxi dress and wear a flower in your hair. Guys, it's time to find your suede fringed vest and headband, or, if you dare, the leisure suit and platform shoes.

Whenever you graduated, the evening will be filled with high school memories. Tickets are \$60.

You can sponsor the event - all information is available at wardhigh.org.

Stay tuned for details on the online auction which will open Oct. 13. You may participate even if you do not attend the event.

Help Wanted

We continue to accept applications for the two open positions at our parish. Both are part-time.

First, we are looking for a receptionist-administrative assistant to replace our recently retired Phyllis Hampton who served in the post for nearly 30 years.

Secondly, a bookkeeper is needed to track income and expenses as well as create financial reports.

Visit stjohnthebaptistcatholicchurch.com for job information.

Our Parish People

Welcome sweet girl

A big Croatian welcome to Vivienne Kathleen Pacheco. She was baptized at St. John the Baptist into our Catholic faith on Sept. 18 by Father Joseph.

Little Vivienne, born July 3, 2020, is the daughter of Jennifer (Schneider) and Carlos Pacheco III, our parishioners.

She is the pride and joy of great-grandfather Marvin Schneider, a long-time parishioner; and grandparents Kathleen and Greg Schneider.

Her god-parents are Hannah Muxlow and Andrew Schneider.

We all look forward to watching Vivienne grow in love and faith.

Year of St. Joseph

The Year of St. Joseph, declared by Pope Francis, continues through Dec. 8.

This special event was offered in celebration of the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius IX's declaration of St. Joseph as the Patron of the Universal Church.

Our Holy Father asked that the following prayer be added to the end of the Rosary, especially during October, the month of the Holy Rosary.



The Year of St. Joseph Prayer

To you, O blessed Joseph (Ad te, beate Ioseph)

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our afflictions, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven.

Amen.

Source: YearofStJoseph.org



Moses elects the Council of Seventy Elders
Jacob de Wit (1695-1754)



Ongoing

Sign up for Parish Directory Photos

Saturday, Sept. 25

Slovemefest, 5 p.m. at Holy Family

Sunday, Sept. 26

Latina Festival, 1-5 p.m.

St. Mary-St. Anthony's

Monday, Sept. 27

St. John's Club Meeting

Saturday, Oct. 2

4 p.m. Saturday Mass

St. John the Baptist

Every Saturday in October

Oct. 2 and Oct. 3 - after Masses

Raffles tickets sold after church
for Resurrection School

Monday, Oct. 4

Strawberry Hill Altar Societies

Golf Tournament

See the form on Page 2.

Monday, Oct. 11

Food Kitchen

Wednesday, Oct. 13

11 a.m. - Senior Meeting

Church Basement

Oct. 19-20

Parish Directory Photos

Church Basement

Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 21-23

Parish Directory Photos

Holy Family

Sweet, sweet memories

Down the metal stairs we went, forming a line that curled around the St. John's cafeteria. Girls first, then boys – genders always separated.

After passing the stage, we reached a little fridge that held tiny cartons of milk. Sometimes, there was even chocolate milk – what a treat!

The line glided into the kitchen where we were greeted by the “cafeteria ladies.” We remember their smiling faces – Mrs. Reynolds, Mrs. McKinney, Mrs. Horvat and so many lovely women who were dedicated to making a hot lunch every day for the students.

In those days, there was no weekly menu posted online or shared in the school newsletter (because we did not have a newsletter!)

Our meal was a surprise. Was it hamburger day – or hot dogs? Maybe sliced beef with mashed potatoes and gravy. Every day, there was homemade buns or bread that scented the building.

On Fridays, the meal was vegetarian because meat was

prohibited. Tomato soup and grilled cheese. Fish sticks. Mac and cheese.

Our food was served on sectioned trays. There was a slot for silverware and one for milk, with squares for the main course, dessert, fruit and vegetable.

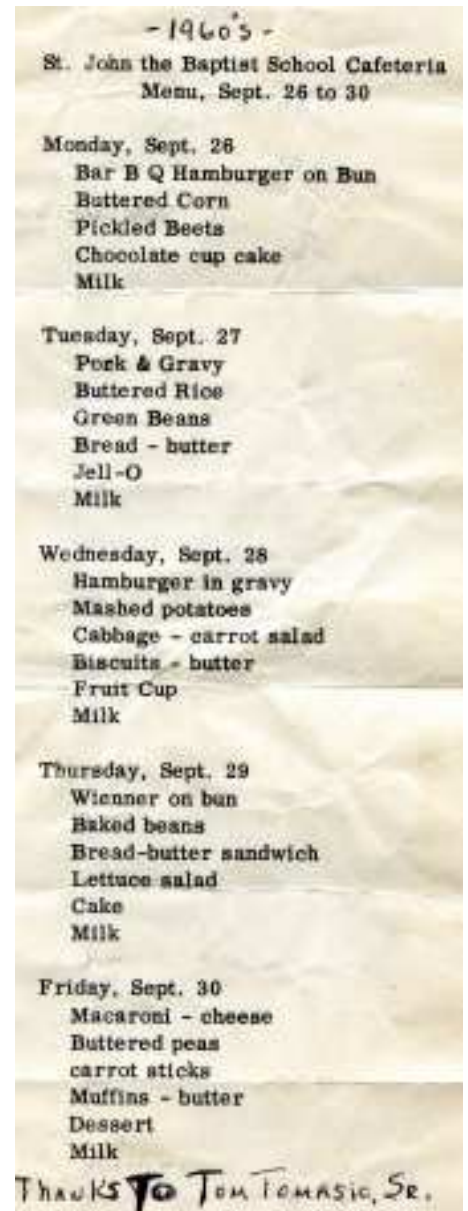
We had one meal choice each day – the cost in the early 1960s was 50 cents. If you did not care for the food, you could bring a sack lunch and buy milk for 2 cents.

Each grade had a designated table. And like good Catholic children, we all pretty much sat in the same seat every day. The eighth-graders – big kids on campus – were assigned to sit at the head of the tables with the younger children. It was considered an honor.

After finishing our lunch, we would clean up our place by dumping the trash and returning our tray to be washed for the next day.

Then it was recess and time for a few minutes of freedom. Except for the coldest of days, we headed outside to run, play and talk.

Thank you, Elizabeth Jaksa for sharing the menu below!



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Mass Schedule:

9 a.m. Sundays, 8 a.m. Thursdays, *4 p.m. Saturday

Confessions before Saturday Mass

(*Saturday Mass is held at St. John's in August, October, December, February, April & June; it is held at Holy Family in opposite months.)

Prayer Line: (913) 281-4448

Weekly Collections

Sept. 19, 2021

Envelopes:	\$ 2,178
Maintenance:	\$ 200
Candles:	\$ 35
Poor:	\$ 19
The Leaven:	\$ 140
Funeral Donations for Bob Sullivan:	100

St. John the Baptist

Appointment Form - Church Directory Photos

(Your appointment will take about 10 minutes.)

Family's Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Who will be in your family photo? _____

Please choose all of the times you are available. A volunteer will call to confirm your time.

Tuesday, Oct. 19 at St. John the Baptist

_____ 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

_____ 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 20 at St. John the Baptist

_____ 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

_____ 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 21 at Holy Family

_____ 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

_____ 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 22 at Holy Family

_____ 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

_____ 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 23 at Holy Family

_____ 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Questions? OurCroatianParish@gmail.com or call Joanne Lally at (913) 281-4448.

Please return this form in the weekly collection, the dropbox or by mail.