

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Father Joseph M Arsenault, SSA, Pastor

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Nov. 21, 2021



In all circumstances, give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.

*1 Thes 5:18*

## Happy Thanksgiving!

Father Joseph will celebrate two Thanksgiving Masses on Thursday, Nov. 25.

The first will be at 7:30 a.m. at the Sister Servants of Mary Convent, 800 N. 18th Street, KCK, near Ward High School. An 8:30 a.m. Mass will be said at St. John the Baptist.

Last year, it was difficult to celebrate the holiday with family and friends. We are grateful this week to

share a holiday meal once again with those we love.

Thanksgiving began centuries ago to thank God for the autumn harvest, for the means to sustain themselves during the winter. Simply put, they were happy to have food.

As we reflect on the past months, let us be thankful for that which has become most important to us.

## With our Deepest Sympathies

### Imma Reynolds Bejan

Imma Reynolds Bejan died Nov. 14. She was 61.

Imma attended St. Baptist School and graduated from Bishop Ward High School. She graduated from Kansas University as a paramedic and put her skills to use with Huckabee Ambulance.

She is survived by her parents, Walter and Enzina Reynolds;

children Christopher, Nicole and Davienne; sisters Anna Maria and Kathy; brother Walter; niece Meagan; and granddaughter Amelia.

Imma's services will be private.

We send our sincere condolences to long-time parishioners Walter and Enzina and

to all of Imma's family.

"And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish..." *John 10:28-29*



## Church Directory

There is one final opportunity to take a photo for the new church directory - it will be Saturday, Dec. 4 at Holy Family Church. You will receive a free 8 x 10 portrait.

Remember that you could also submit your own photo (it cannot be a professional one as those are copyrighted.) The cost is \$10.

All parishioners will be included in the directory, even if they do not have a photo.

We expect to receive the new directory early next year.

If you have questions, call Joanne Lally or contact us at [OurCroatianParish@gmail.com](mailto:OurCroatianParish@gmail.com).

## Weekly Collections

	Nov. 7, 2021	Nov. 14, 2021
Envelopes:	\$ 4,454	2,443
Maintenance:	\$ 1,155	170
Candles:	\$ 100	52
Poor:	\$ 9	6
World Mission Sunday:	\$ 5	5
Food Kitchen:	\$ 40	45
All Saints:	\$ 135	25
Mass Intentions:	\$ 30	60
Human Development:	\$ 25	5

## Mass Intentions

*In November, the 4 p.m. Saturday Mass will be celebrated at Holy Family Church.*

Nov. 21 - 9 a.m. Sunday Mass  
St. John's Parishioners

Nov. 25 - Thanksgiving Mass  
7:30 a.m., Sister Servants of Mary  
8:30 a.m. at St. John the Baptist

# Our Parish News

## With Appreciation

Here is a message from our parishioner, Helen Skradski:

"Thank you to all who have been praying for my grandson, Will (18), who is the son of Matt Jr., in Omaha.

Yesterday, because of all of your prayers, we got the news that Will's tumor is benign. They got all of the mass removed from his bladder and will continue to monitor him.

God is all powerful and merciful. Thank you from the bottom of my heart."

## Apple Strudels

The holiday strudels were stretched and rolled with loving care, now frozen and awaiting your oven.

Pick up will be available this weekend for those who have pre-ordered: 4-6 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 20; and after 9 a.m. Mass on Sunday, Nov. 21, in the church basement.

The cost is \$15 per strudel. Checks should be made to St. John's Altar Society. Cash will also be accepted; exact change is helpful!

## Golf Tournament

The second annual Strawberry Hill Altar Societies Golf Tournament was held last month. A total of \$7,150 was raised, with each of the three participating organizations receiving \$2,383.

## Christmas Collections

A food drive, sponsored by the Altar Society, will be held throughout December for Catholic Charities.

We know you will all be generous in your donations for those in need. You can contribute non-perishable items or offer a donation.

The Altar Society will also collect Pregnancy Maintenance Initiative items to fill bags for new mothers.

Take a stroll down the baby aisle of your grocery store. Drop in diapers, wipes, onesies, baby shampoo, baby lotion, teething items and small toys.

Bring food and baby items to the church basement. Thank you for sharing with our most needy citizens.

## Support St. John's Club

Send in your tickets before it's too late!

The cost is \$1 per chance. The prizes are cash and turkeys - both would be great for the Christmas season.

We appreciate the great work of St. John's Catholic Club - and this is how we can show it.

Drop tickets and money at the club, in the rectory door slot or the weekly collection basket.

Drawing will be the last week in November.

## Our New Special Needs Ministry

A big thank you to Melanie Kucenic and Mario Babic, our parish advocates for People with Disabilities.

Many of you know Mel - the

daughter of Nick and Connie Kucenic.

"We are here to assist your needs, in making your faith journey easier for you and your family," she said.

Mel and Mario are available to assist families of St. John the Baptist, Holy Family and St. Mary-St. Anthony. The ministry offers resources for those with special needs and those unable to attend Mass.

Contact these volunteers with your questions. (913) 953-6777 or (913) 709-6718.

## Strawberry Hill Museum

Breakfast with St. Nick! Be sure and make this part of your Christmas tradition with the kiddos!

It will be 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 4, at the museum. Information on the menu and cost is available at [strawberryhillmuseum.org](http://strawberryhillmuseum.org).

You can also check out tour times for the museum's beautiful Olde World Christmas display. It will remain open through Jan. 9.

We are pleased to see the museum's doors open once again!

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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**