

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Father Joseph M Arsenault, SSA, Pastor
The Baptism of the Lord - Jan. 9, 2022



The Lord will bless his people
with peace. PS 29

Mass Intentions

*The Saturday Mass will be
at Holy Family in January.*

Jan. 9 - 9 a.m. Sunday Mass
Matt & Anna Modrcin
Mara Kucenic
Kovach Family
Mike Suljak & Mirica Black

Jan. 13 - 8 a.m. Thursday Mass
No intentions

Jan. 16 - 9 a.m. Sunday Mass
Hilda Martin
Miro Jadric
Kucenic & Novogradac Families

Jan. 20 - 8 a.m. Thursday Mass
George & Katie Kucenic

**You may request prayers for
those who are ill or in crisis.**

Prayer Line

(913) 281-4448

OurCroatianParish@gmail.com

KEEPING IN TOUCH

As we transition from the Christmas season to Church's Ordinary Time, we are again reminded that today we find ourselves in anything but ordinary time.

COVID-19 has changed our world. Once again we see a rise in infections. During these days, I encourage everyone to take precautions and be safe and healthy.

This coming August, during the elections, there will be on the ballot the opportunity to vote for an amendment that is entitled, "Value Them Both."

This is a very important amendment for our State. If you haven't heard anything about this, you will in the coming weeks and months.

I am in the process of confirming dates for a presentation in our parishes. Stay tuned!

Blessings,
Fr. Joseph Arsenault, SSA, Pastor



Beginning a New Year with God in mind

During the past two years, the gloomy cloud of COVID-19 has loomed overhead. While the virus still hovers, we are ever hopeful to once again find our new normal as a new year has dawned.

In Europe, New Year's Day was a time for visiting and an open house. There was a blessing for beer – a beverage which originated because water was not safe to drink. Medieval monks made pretzels to share with children.

English families used the day to honor godparents and repay them for accepting responsibility of the children.

A few days ago, there are parties and fireworks. People make resolutions to go on a diet and exercise or give up bad habits. It is a time to wipe the slate clean and start fresh.

As you begin 2022, consider

resolutions that help you become a better Catholic and role model.

At St. John the Baptist, we appreciate your very generous donations for church operations and maintenance. However, your time is also very valuable in supporting our community.

Perhaps, you will participate in our organizations – St. John's Seniors, the Catholic Club, Altar Society, Food Kitchen or Festival Committee. Or, serve as Sacristan, Lector or Eucharistic Minister.

Our church has many older parishioners who live alone or in assisted living facilities – they would love to get mail or receive a phone call from a friend.

Here's to 2022 – a brand new year! Work diligently to set a positive example of God's glory. May you find happiness and health.

Our Parish News

Happy birthday, Jake!

Bring out the cake and get ready to sing! Our friend, Jake Sutulovich had a birthday on Jan. 9.

We miss seeing Jake at church and at the club. While it is too cold now, he also used to walk the grounds to get his exercise.

Let's send him some wishes for a happy and healthy birthday and new year:

AdventHealth Care, Room 227-A
6501 W. 75th St.
Overland Park, KS 66204

No Senior Meeting in January

The monthly senior meeting for January has been cancelled to ensure the health and safety of the members!

Officers decided the frigid weather and the new COVID variant could be a hazard.

We are glad the seniors were able to enjoy their annual Christmas luncheon in December. Stay tuned for news on the February meeting.

Eucharistic Ministers needed to help the sick

Our vulnerable community members would like to receive Holy Communion even when they cannot attend Mass.

We need volunteers to serve St. John's parishioners who stay at home - especially during the winter months.

Additionally, the KU Med Health System has called for Eucharistic Ministers to give Communion at the hospital.

To help our parishioners, call the parish office at (913) 371-0627 or by email at OurCroatianParish@gmail.com.

If you can assist at the medical center, contact Hillary Podrebarac at (913) 945-6720 or hpodrebarac@kumc.edu.

Keep St. John's healthy

Bacteria, viruses and germs, oh my! The winter season brings colds, flu and the continuing COVID. And we may not even know we are contagious.

None of us want to be sick, so let's all keep these nasty illnesses out of church! Some folks cannot afford to miss work and some parishioners are more prone to these microbes because of other conditions.

Please wear a mask, wash your hands, use sanitizer and stay home if you don't feel well.

Just desserts!

Our monthly St. Mary's Food Kitchen is Monday, Jan. 10 - and desserts are needed for the 200 hot meals.

Get busy baking - or take the easy way out and make a stop at the grocery store. Drop those goodies in the church basement before Mass.

A quick update on how important this service really is: more than 141,000 meals were served in 2021.

Taste of KCK

Only a few more weeks until the signature event sponsored by Resurrection Catholic School. The Taste of KCK will be 6 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 29 at the school, 425 N. 15th St., KCK.

Ticket sales are underway - the cost is \$100 per person. This includes a sample of KCK ethnic food, adult beverages, a program and a chance to see friends.

Support Catholic education - proceeds go towards computer and technology, tuition, textbooks and student supplies.

Information: rcksk.org/taste-of-kck; or contact Felicia at (913) 371-8101 or flholcomb@rcksk.org.

Weekly Collections New Year's Weekend

Envelopes:	\$ 555
Building Fund:	\$ 115
Candles:	\$ 47
Poor:	\$ -
Crib:	\$ 3
Mass Intentions:	\$ 20
Latin America:	\$ 50
Solemnity of Mary:	\$ 230

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Mass Schedule:

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

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