

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Father Joseph M Arsenault, SSA, Pastor  
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Jan. 23, 2022



Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life. PS 19

## Mass Intentions

*The Saturday Mass will be at Holy Family in January.  
It will return to St. John's in February.*

Jan. 23 - 9 a.m. Sunday Mass  
Imma Reynolds Bejan  
Bernice Ferrantelli  
Ludmila Baric

## Archbishop's Call to Share begins

Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann has opened the annual Call to Share. This fundraising drive serves 181,000 Catholics and 107 parishes in nearly 13,000 square miles of Northeast Kansas who are in need of prayer and healing, physical and spiritual comfort.

This year's goal is to raise \$6.5 million. These proceeds will support 43 ministries and programs, including:

- Strengthening Catholic education, faith formation, and campus ministry;
- Reaching thousands of people through Pro-Life and Foster Care Ministry outreach programs;
- Working with parishes to develop Catholic leaders and missionary disciples of Jesus;
- Supporting the formation of our seminarians, priests, and deacons; and
- Funding emergency requests from our parishes and schools.

You may donate online or by using the pledge card sent to you.

The Archbishop appreciates your continuing support for our archdiocesan community and its beloved flock. God bless you.

## KEEPING IN TOUCH

*The first message from Father Joseph is from Jan. 16 when we did not have a bulletin. The second message is for this week.*



This past week, has been a very busy week. As you are aware, Sanctuary of Hope, where I live is coming to a conclusion and I have to move. This was the week for it to begin.

Packing boxes and moving things has consumed me this past week. On Thursday, the movers came and helped us move the majority of our stuff. There is still moving to be done, but I am now residing at St. Mary-St. Anthony. Now the fun of unpacking and setting things up begins!

While transitions are always time-consuming and draining, going back to St. Mary-St. Anthony's makes it a little easier.

I am grateful for those who have kept me in prayer during these days and ask that you continue to pray that the move and settling in continues to be smooth.

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This past week, numerous people from the Archdiocese have travelled to Washington, DC for the annual March for Life.

As Catholics, we acknowledge the sacredness and dignity of human life. Each year at this time, we are reminded of our call to stand for life.

I invite you to join me in prayer for the safe return of those from the Archdiocese, as well as all who have attended March for Life. Let us also continue to pray that all will come to understand and respect the sacredness and dignity of human life.

I am still working on setting up the presentations regarding "Value them Both." Continue to stay tuned!

Some of you have been wondering how my move has gone.

First of all, thank you all for your prayers and encouragement. I am happy to inform you that the move has gone well. While there is still unpacking and some things to move, the majority of the move is complete.

Blessings, Fr. Joseph Arsenault, SSA, Pastor

# Our Parish News

## Taking care of others

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the two Altar Society collections during December.

First, the group asked for food to be donated to Catholic Charities. Your generous donations tipped the scales at 200 pounds.

A second was for the Pregnancy Maintenance Initiative. In addition to bags and bags of baby goodies, donations of \$120 were received.

Your wonderful Christmas spirit was in full force for those in need!

## Everyone, get well and stay healthy!

Goodness! These days, it sounds like everyone has the sniffles or worse! Like every winter, germs are lurking everywhere.

Keep these illnesses to yourself! What may be an inconvenience to you, might be devastating to our most senior parishioners or those with other health issues.

If you are sick, please stay home. As a courtesy when attending Mass, please use hand sanitizer and a mask (just like Father Joseph).

No one wants your cold, flu, bronchitis or other symptoms. Thank you for being kind.

We offer our prayers for those who are ill and wish them a quick recovery.

## Sister Servants of Mary

The Sister Servants of Mary work with the sick and people who are in hospice care. This convent, 800 N. 18th St., KCK, is across the street from Bishop Ward High School.

Many people in our parish participate in the guild that supports the convent. For 2022, the guild has decided to cancel ALL fundraising events. As you can imagine, this will reduce needed funds to help the convent.

You can help by joining the Guild for a \$25 yearly membership and/or making a contribution to the convent.

We look forward to next year, in hopes that our favorites (the spaghetti dinner and the summer festival) will return once again.

## The weather outside is frightful....

Frigid temperatures, snow and ice (along with a crazy 50 degree-day thrown in) have played havoc with events at our parish. Several meetings have been cancelled because of weather - and winter illnesses. Before you venture into the cold and dark, be sure and check with friends to see if the meeting is still on!

## A sweet memory.....

The entire St. John the Baptist facility was built on a small footprint - the church, parish house, club, auditorium and school.

When the school was originally built, the younger children used the 9,000-square-foot roof for a playground.

According to a Kansas City Star article, dated Aug. 18, 1929, the rooftop would be a safe place to play without the concern of traffic. A plan was in place to install playground equipment. Stairs by the front entrance provided access to the top.

This and other tidbits about St. John's are being posted by Lori Wolf Clark on Facebook under "Families of Strawberry Hill." Thanks, Lori!

## Weekly Collections

	Jan. 9, 2022	Jan. 16, 2022
Envelopes:	\$ 4,601	\$ 2,450
Building Fund:	\$ 615	\$ 190
Candles:	\$ 57	\$ 18
Poor:	\$ 30	\$ 10
Mass Intentions:	\$ 60	\$ 10
Latin America:	\$ 25	\$ 5
Solemnity of Mary:	\$ 195	\$ 130
Donation:	\$ 2,000	\$ -
Food Kitchen:	\$ -	\$ 10
Crib:	\$ -	\$ 25
Funeral Donations:	\$ 70	\$ -

(Albert Yamevich & Robert Redmon )

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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. )

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