

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Father Joseph M Arsenault, SSA, Pastor
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Feb. 6, 2022



*Come after me
and I will make you fishers of men. Mt 4:19*

Waterfalls in Plitvice National Park
Courtesy of TheAtlantic.com

Winter cancellations

Attention Seniors! It is too cold and too snowy to go outside. So...your monthly Senior meeting for February is cancelled!

Instead, stay inside and keep warm. This is a great time to catch up with friends by phone and email.

Mass Intentions

The Saturday Mass will return to St. John's in February.

Feb. 6 - 9 a.m. Sunday Mass
Imma Reynolds Bejan
Tony & Helen Kovach Jr.
Matt Thomas
Mike Zeljeznjak

Feb. 10 - 8 a.m. Thursday Mass
Mary Ann Schneider

Feb. 13 - 9 a.m. Sunday Mass
Matt & Anna Modrcin
Nikola & Magda Sestric
Mirica Black & Mike Suljak
Frank Stimac

*Mass intentions are available
for the 9 a.m. Sunday and 8 a.m. Thursday services.
If you would like to request an intention, please call
the church at (913) 371-0627, or email
OurCroatianParish@gmail.com.*

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Every year on Feb. 3, we celebrate the feast of Saint Blaise who was martyred in 316 A.D.

It is tradition on his feast to bless throats. This tradition dates back many years as he is known as the Patron Saint of sore throats.

This tradition of blessing throats is done by placing two candles over the throat and saying a blessing.

Many years ago, these candles would be lit. We no longer light the candles when we do the blessing of the throats, which I think is a good idea. I am not sure where the tradition of lighting the candles came from, or why it stopped. However, I do know the reason why Saint Blaise is the patron of sore throats.

While St. Blaise was imprisoned, a woman brought to him a boy who was choking on a fishbone that was stuck in his throat. St. Blaise said a blessing over the boy who spat out the fish bone.

After his martyrdom for the Faith, this story of the boy was recalled, and he was declared Patron Saint of sore throats.

This weekend after Mass, I will be available to bless the throats of those who wish to receive this blessing.

Blessings, Fr. Joseph Arsenault, SSA, Pastor

(The 4 p.m. Saturday Mass will return to St. John the Baptist this weekend. Father will bless throats after both the Saturday and Sunday Masses.)



Weekly Collections

Jan. 30, 2022

Envelopes:	\$ 2,008
Building Fund:	\$ 623
Candles:	\$ 68
Poor:	\$ 11
Mass Intentions:	\$ 10
Latin America:	\$ 5
Donation:	\$ 50
Food Kitchen:	\$ 50

Our Parish People

Our deepest sympathies to the Hlade Family

Our friend and longtime parishioner Janko (John) Hlade died Jan. 30. He was 77.

John was born in Skukani, Croatia. He immigrated to Kansas City in 1973 and became a member of St. John the Baptist Church. He lived on Strawberry Hill for many years. John was a warehouseman for the city's Housing Authority.

Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Ankica (Ana); son Ivica (John); grandson Kyle; and sister Donna Spudic.

He is preceded in death by his parents Mijo and Barka Hlade, and sister Marica (Maria) Sirkovic.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Feb. 4 at our church, with burial at Gate of Heaven Catholic Cemetery. We send our sincere condolences to Ana and her family.

With great sadness

We extend our heartfelt sympathies to the Hampton Family for the death of Richard's brother.

Roger (Buck) Hampton of Joplin, MO., died recently. He was 84.

Richard and Phyllis, we are very sorry for your loss and offer prayers on behalf of your family.

Our Parish News

Valentine's Day is coming...

Looking for a fun date night? Or, just a great evening with friends?

Check out BINGO and games at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 12, 800 N. 5th St., KCK.

This great event is sponsored by the Police Athletic League - or PAL - program (in the old St. Mary's Church).

The program is directed by our own Matt Tomasic. PAL brings together local police officers and young people to foster strong relationships.

Tickets are \$50 per person, but include a catered Mexican dinner, adult beverages, games and prizes. Food, drink and entertainment for one money!

This is an opportunity to see the completed renovation on the old St. Mary's Church. Many of us have been watching the outside transformation - and it is fantastic! Imagine what the inside looks like.

Buy tickets online at PALKCK.com or at the door.

Resurrection Catholic School

The 2022 Taste of KCK, sponsored by Resurrection Catholic School, was a hit! Unfortunately, the school did not reach the target goal of \$145,000 this year.

The continuing concern over COVID impacted the number of attendees who purchased tickets, participated in the silent auctions and made additional pledges.

To continue the quality education our kiddos deserve, they are asking for our donations to take the current amount of \$133,000 to the finish line.

Always remember that it's the small donations that add up! You may send your contribution to Resurrection Catholic School, 425 N. 15th St., KCK, 66102, or online at rcskck.org and click "GIVE."

Food Kitchen

It's time to make some sweet treats for our monthly Food Kitchen. In February, the event will be on Valentine's Day.

Bake or buy - whatever fits your schedule! Drop those goodies in the church basement next week before weekend Masses.

Thank you for supporting the hungry people in our community!

Call to Share

A quick reminder to submit your Call to Share donation to the Archdiocese. This fundraising drive benefits many programs throughout our area.

The goal for St. John's has been set as \$20,000 - so far, we have \$2,000 in pledges.

You may pledge or donate with your Call to Share envelopes or online at archkck.org, click "Donate."

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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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