

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church



GOD IS AWESOME, LIFE IS SHORT, AND THIS ISN'T HOME.

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time * September 4, 2022 * Luke 14: 25-33

Parish Office:

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Sacraments:

Confession at 3 pm before Saturday Mass or call for appointment

Parish Staff:

Fr. Joseph M. Arsenault, SSA, Pastor

Sr. Mary Michael MacChesney

Mr. Stuart Taylor, Music Director

Mrs. Wendy Christ, Administrative Assistant

Mass Schedule:

Saturday at 4pm

(at Holy Family parish in September)

Sunday at 9am

Thursday at 8 am

Parish Ministries:

Finance Council Richard Sambol

Parish Council Don Taylor

Altar Society Kelly Moutray

St. John's Club Ken Yarnevich

913-371-9690

Word of Gratitude!

I must begin this little note to you by telling you that my heart is busting with GRATITUDE! I am so grateful for each and every one of you! The generosity that I experienced over this last little while is overwhelming. There are three things that I would like to make mention of:

1) The call for the beginning of an *Endowment Fund* for the parish was met with a great response.

Our goal was to match a \$10,000 donation and then we would receive another \$5,000. In other words, if we met our goal we would have an endowment fund with \$25,000. To date the response has our endowment fund at \$61,609.77. Thank you for your generous response! I know that as time goes on the fund will continue to grow and will be a means of support for our parish well into the future.

2) The very generous gift from the estate of *Matt Thomas* (see the little story in this bulletin). Our Dear Matt in preparing for his death thought of us and was very generous to us. As we are grateful for this gift we miss his presence among us. May he rest in peace!

3) The festival this year was a great success. I know the hard work and time that goes into pulling this off and I am grateful to everyone who made it the success that it was. While the final figures are not ready yet I can say with confidence that it will be our best year yet ... stay tuned!

Congratulations!

Kathryn & Nicholas Gormly, & Kathryn Zunick on the Baptism of their daughter/granddaughter **Emerson Jane** on August 21, 2022.



Mike & Annie Kucenic would like to express their heartfelt

thanks to all their family and friends who helped them celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary, the wonderful Mass and Blessing by Fr. Joseph and special thanks to the choir.

George & Betty Dragush for sharing fresh produce from your garden with all the parishioner's after Sunday Mass.

Please Note:

In observance of Labor Day the office will be Closed on Monday September 4, 2022

Please submit any bulletin news and events by Thursday morning to the Parish office by phone or email.



Keeping In Touch

Once again, the Augustinian world has a significant celebration! On September 4th we celebrate Our Lady under the title of Our Mother of Consolation. In the Augustinian world we have four titles under which we honor Mary - Our Mother of Consolation, Our Mother of Good Counsel, Our Mother of Help, and Our Lady of Grace. Of these four titles, it is the title of Our Mother of Consolation which we claim Mary as our patroness. The story is told that when St Monica was praying for her wayward son Augustine, Our Lady appeared to Monica and told her not to worry but to allow her faith to be consolation and God would take care of her son Augustine. To help Monica remember this Our Lady took off the leather belt that she was wearing and gave it to Monica to remind her to allow her faith to be her consolation and to trust in God. Monica wore the belt faithfully. When Augustine had his conversion Monica took off the belt and gave it to her son Augustine to remind him that it is our faith that is our consolation and how God is faithful. Augustine wore the belt from that day forward. When Augustine began his community he gave each member a leather belt as well. That is why Augustinians wear the leather belt as part of our habit. In fact, we call it the cincture of our Mother of Consolation.

Blessings in Christ and St. Augustine, Fr. Joseph M. Arsenault, SSA, Pastor



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, September 4- 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am- Petar Baric
Mike Skradski
Clarence & Rose Rupp
Barbara Jaksetic

Thursday, September 8- The Nativity of Mary

8am- Bernice Kovac
Catherine Podrebarac
Franklin Stimac
Bette Curtin



Saturday, September 10-

1pm- I. Garcia & Z. Rios Wedding
4pm- **Vigil Mass at Holy Family**
SJB and HF parishioners

Sunday, Sept. 11- 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am- John F. Mikesic
Drago Zeljeznjak
Zvonko & Dragica Zeljeznjak
Mirko & Marica Zeljeznjak

LITURGICAL MINISTRY - SEPTEMBER

September 11, 2022

Lectors: M. Viskovic, R. Sambol
Eucharistic Ministers: N. Gasparovic
Servers: M. Viskovic
Sacristans: B. Horvat

September 18, 2022

Lectors: A. Dordevic, A. Garcia
Eucharistic Ministers: M. Tomasic
Servers: A. Morrow, I. Dordevic
Sacristans: P. Mikesic, P. Hill

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

	<u>Sat. 8/27/2022</u>	<u>Sun. 8/28/2022</u>
Envelopes/Loose:	1446.00	1302.00
Building Fund:	737.00	200.00
Candles:	151.00	17.05
Poor Box:		12.00
Special Envelopes:	20.00	5.00
Mass Intentions:		50.00
Food Kitchen:		
In Memory of:		320.00
(Katherine Suljak)		

Cards Request for parishioners:

Frank Jaska (91 years old on Sept. 1st)
339 North 20th Street Kansas City, Kansas 66102

Dragica Jambrosic- Thinking of You
2327 N. 75th Terr Kansas City, Kansas 66109

Upcoming Events/Reminders

Holy Family 14th Annual Slovenefest

Holy Family Catholic Church, 274 Orchard, KCKS 66101, will celebrate their 14th annual Slovenefest on *Sat. Sept. 24* with Holy Mass at 4pm and festival starts at 5pm-10pm at Msgr. Mejak Hall, gym, and school grounds at 513 Ohio, KCK. There will be Slovenian dinner, children and adult games, silent auction, cultural booth, and a mega raffle. Entertainment includes The Brian McCarty and Hrvatski Obicaj. Contact Cathy Schneider at 913-620-2803

Food Kitchen

Desserts, volunteers and donations are appreciated. Desserts are to be dropped off in the church basement on 9/11. Please place a note on top that indicates Food Kitchen. Please pick up baking pans you left from last time. Meet us at the *Willa Gill Center at 8:30am* if interested in volunteering on *Monday September 12th*.

Coffee and Donut Sunday

The event will be hosted by the Altar Society in the church basement *after the 9am Mass on Sunday September 4th*. Please come and join the parish for fellowship and updates from other parishioners.

Monthly Senior Luncheon (Potluck)

Come join us for fellowship with bingo, prizes, and lunch on *Wednesday 9/14 starting at 11 am* in the church basement. This will be a Potluck Luncheon.

National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children

Saturday, Sept. 10 at 11am-12:30pm at Gate of Heaven Catholic Cemetery, 126th St. and Parallel Parkway, Kansas City, Kansas (Starting in the Chapel)

Strawberry Hill Museum Court Yard Sale

The Museum will be having a Yard Sale on September 17, 2022, from 8am-4pm at 720 N. 4th Street, Kansas City, Kansas 66101, 913-371-3264. For more details, check out the website at www.strawberryhillmuseum.org

Strawberry Hill Altar Societies Golf Tournament

The tournament will be held *Monday, Oct. 3rd* at the Sunflower Hills Golf Course in Bonner Springs. The 4 person scramble will begin with a shotgun start at 1:00 pm. The cost is \$100/golfer and includes green fees, cart rental, snacks, dinner, prizes, and all beverages. We welcome anyone who would like to play (even if you don't have a team- we will create a team)! We will also welcome any volunteers to help! Everyone is invited to participate in the raffle. All Proceeds from the tournament benefit the SJB, HF, and SMSA Altar Societies and the services they provide to the Parishes and Community. If you have any questions, please contact *Kelly Moutray at 816-863-4414* or email kelmoutray@gmail.com

Croatian/Polish Palooza

October 15, 2022 1-5 pm at Moose Lodge KCK 1999, 6621 Turner Drive, \$15/person with performances by Hrvatski Obicaj Tammburasil!

GriefShare & DivorceCare

GriefShare support group offers help & encouragement after the death of a loved one. Meetings are Thursday evenings at *Church of the Nativity in Leawood*, beginning on Sept. 1st and running for 13 weeks. *DivorceCare* is a weekly seminar/support group that will help you heal from the hurt. Meetings are *Tuesday evenings* at Church of the Nativity in Leawood, beginning on *August 30th and running for 13 weeks*. To register, go to kcnativity.org/divorcecare-griefshare, or call Janet Beverley, LCSW, at 913- 558-4885.

Matt Thomas Estate Gift



Pictured are the family of Matt Thomas, Father Joseph Arsenault, and members of the Finance Committee

Earlier this month, the family of Matt Thomas, a long time St John the Baptist parishioner, presented Father Joseph and the parish finance committee with a very generous gift from Matt Thomas's estate. Matt Thomas Jr, shared to Father Joseph how important St John the Baptist Church, the parish and the people were to his father and how much the community meant to him. The family expressed that they were honored to present the generous estate gift on behalf of their father because they knew they know how much the parish meant to him. Father Joseph stated how much Matt Thomas is missed and how this wonderful gift and his memory will continue to live on in the parish of St John the Baptist Catholic Church.

Father Joseph thanked the Thomas family for their generous spirit and support to the parish. According to Matt Thomas Jr, his father's estate planning included a portion of his estate to be directed specifically to the St John the Baptist parish. Father Joseph and the finance committee will begin work on assigning the Matt Thomas estate gift for critical facility enhancements across the St. John the Baptist campus.

For more information on estate planning gifts to St. John the Baptist parish, please contact Rich Sambol, Chair of the Parish Finance Committee.