

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Stay Awake!

Matthew 24:37—44

First Sunday of Advent, November 27, 2022



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 4 pm

(at Holy Family parish in November)

Sunday at 9 am

Thursday at 8 am

Parish Ministries:

Finance Council Richard Sambol

Parish Council Don Taylor

Altar Society Kelly Moutray

St. John's Club Ken Yarnevich

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Prayer Line (913) 281-4448

Matthew 24:37-44

Jesus said to his disciples:

"As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.

In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day that Noah entered the ark.

They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away.

So will it be also at the coming of the Son of Man.

Two men will be out in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left.

Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left.

Therefore, stay awake!

For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.

Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming,

he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into.

So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

Our Catholic Art Calendars are now available in the church. Pick one up as you attend Mass. These calendars are provided at no cost to St. John the Baptist, because of the generosity of **Skradski Funeral Home**. **Steve Pierce**, who owns Skradski and Muehlebach Funeral Homes, has continued the tradition of supporting our church as the Skradski family did for so many years. Not only have they provided us with printing and other donations, the Pierce Family is frequently in attendance at church events.



Elise & Jackson Hughes will receive the Sacrament of Baptism on *December 3, 2022 at 1:00 pm*. Their sponsors will be their grandparents **Danny & Wendy Christ**. All who would like to attend are welcomed!



Keeping In Touch

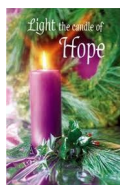
Where does the time go? Thanksgiving is here and gone and we are now at the 1st Sunday of Advent and this means that Christmas is just around the corner. In the midst of our busy lives time seems to go quicker and quicker and there always seems more to do. As we conclude our Thanksgiving celebrations and enter into the season of Advent, let us find time in our busy lives to pause and not only give thanks but also to prepare for the coming celebration of Christmas. Happy Advent!

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Nov 27- First Sunday of Advent

9am- John P. Schwab
Zvonka Nikola Krstulic
Stjepan-Ana Jagodic



Thursday, Dec 1-

8am-- Barbara Palcher
Joe & Anne Sachen
10am- Funeral Mass for Berniece Novosel

Saturday, Dec 3- St. Francis Xavier, Priest

4pm- Vigil Mass at St. John the Baptist
SJB and HF parishioners



Sunday, Dec 4- Second Sunday of Advent

9am- David Rebeck
Miho & Ana Cavlovic
Mike Skradski
Pero & Dora Gasparovic



LITURGICAL MINISTRY -Nov. & Dec.

November 27, 2022

Lectors: S. Taylor, M. Viskovic
Eucharistic Ministers: A. Kucenic
Servers: I. Dordevic
Sacristans: P. Mikesic, P. Hill

December 3-4, 2022

Lectors: B. Horvat ; G. Garcia, M. Viskovic
Eucharistic Ministers: S. Morrow ; M. Garcia
Servers: A. Morrow ; A. Garcia
Sacristans: A. Nastav, R. Nastav ; G. Garcia

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Sun. 11/21/2022

Envelopes/Loose:	3245.00
Building Fund:	379.00
Candles:	80.00
Poor Box:	16.50
Special Envelopes:	315.00

Upcoming Events

Coffee and Donut Sunday

Will be **postponed for December** due to events the same day, However, the event will resume and be hosted by the Altar Society in the church basement after the **9am Mass on Sunday January 8th**. Please come and join the parish for fellowship and updates from other parishioners.



Upcoming Events

Food Drive

Food Collection (non-perishable) will begin *November 1st thru December 4th*. Items can be placed in the vestibule at the back of church or dropped off in the church basement. Please check the expiration dates. Proceeds go to **Catholic Charities**.

Wyandotte Pregnancy Center

Pregnancy Maintenance Initiative items will be collected from *November 1st thru December 4th*. Onesies, diapers, baby wipes, baby shampoo, and baby lotion will be collected to create gift bags for expecting mothers. Proceeds go to the Wyandotte Pregnancy Center. Items can be placed in the vestibule in the back of the church .

Church Cleaning

Christmas Church cleaning and wreath hanging will be on *December 3rd at 9:00am*.

Altar Society Christmas Brunch

Altar Society Christmas brunch will be *December 4th* in the Strawberry Hill Museum following our 9:00 Mass. We welcome the AS members for fellowship and a delicious meal.

Zuzu's Petal Presents a benefit concert

'Zuzu's Petals is a Charitable organization that provides Christmas festivities to families in need. They will be hosting a benefit concert at The Redemptorist Catholic Church on *December 9th, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.* 3333 Broadway Blvd. KCMO 64111. 100% of the proceeds go directly towards bringing Christmas to those less fortunate. Tickets are \$25.00 and are available at zuzus-petals.ticketleap.com.

Food Kitchen

Food Kitchen date is for *December 12th*. Desserts may be dropped off in the church basement the weekend before or the day of at the Willa Gill Center (645 Nebraska Ave) after 8:30. There is a desperate need for volunteers to help serve from 11-12:30 each of these days. Financial donations can also be made. Checks can be made to St. John the Baptist Church with a designation for the food kitchen.

The Making Missionary Disciples Track at SEEK23

is an opportunity for you and your family, friends, parishioners and fellow Catholics from around the country to take the next step in missionary discipleship. Developed for adults, this track is a chance to grow in faith, discover the Gospel anew and be encouraged in the life Christ is calling you to follow. Join an ArchKCK group in travelling to St. Louis (January 2-6) to hear from today's top Catholic speakers, spend time in prayer and fellowship, and explore practical ways to witness the Gospel in your parish, family and community. Featured speakers include Fr. **Mike Schmitz**, Sr. **Miriam Heidland**, Dr. **Ted Sri**, **Chika Anyanwu**, **Jason Evert**, Sr. **Bethany Madonna**, **Paul J. Kim**, Fr. **Joshua Johnson**.



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Office of Adult Evangelization

Best Choice labels

Best Choice labels continue to be collected. A box is in the vestibule for you to drop off!



Upcoming Events (continued)

Newly Married Couples Retreat

Couples married 0-7 years are welcome to join the First Seven Fellowship at Queen of the Holy Rosary in Overland Park for a Weekend Immersion retreat: January 21-22, 2023. For more information go to: archkck.org/livinginlove Scholarships available! Contact Brad DuPont: bdupont@archkck.org

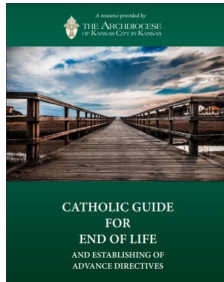
HEALING RETREAT FOR ADULT CHILDREN OF DIVORCE Adult children of divorced or separated parents can come find healing at the Life-Giving Wounds retreat, February 24-26 at Savior Pastoral Center in Kansas City, KS. The weekend is presented by trained peer leaders and includes insightful talks, Reconciliation/Adoration, time for prayer and optional small groups. For more information and to register: archkck.org/LGW

Gift Planning

Make plans to provide for your family and parish at death with a free estate planning guide. Different planning forms for every demographic. Visit archkck.giftlegacy.com and click on the button.

The Catholic Guide for End-of-Life & Establishing of Advance Directives

The Archdiocese has a comprehensive resource for end-of-life planning titled "Catholic Guide For End-Of Life and Establishing Of Advance Directives". The purpose of the guide is to assist the faithful in making wise decisions in accordance with the teachings of our faith about complex treatments in grave illness or as life's end approaches. It also includes two Appendices for a Durable Power of Attorney and an Advance Directive form. For a free digital copy of the Guide, visit www.archkck.org/prolife-end-of-life-care



Trash Bags for Sale

We now have trash bags for sale in the rectory. Yellow bags are 39gal 25/roll, white bags are 15 gal 65/roll, and the blue bags are 55gal 16/roll, cost per roll is \$12.00. Please stop by the church office during business hours of 8:30am-5pm to get yours! All proceeds will support our Parish. Thank you.

Jewelry & Watches Needed!

Please save all jewelry and watches you no longer want or use and donate to Karolyn Tomasic to remake items to resell. All proceeds will benefit our 3 churches here on Strawberry Hill. Contact 913-371-8075.



Coats Needed

Gently used, clean coats for kindergarten through grade 8 needed for our children. Please place in the entranceway of the Church. Find the marked box. Thank you so much.

Sister Marie Kathleen
Director of Religious Education

St. John's Catholic Club

It's that time of year again.

The Club is sponsoring our annual Turkey Raffle. Tickets are available for purchase in the Club or from any Club member. Tickets are \$1.00, books of tickets can be purchased for \$25. You can return your ticket stubs and money to the Club, drop them into the collection basket or drop off at the rectory. Drawing will be held *December 18th* at the Club Christmas Party. Good Luck!!!



CROATIA WORLD CUP GROUP WATCH PARTIES

Watch parties will be held at St. John's Catholic Club at 414 Barnett Ave. Kansas City, Kansas 66101 Food options available, donations appreciated, and cash bar.

Sunday, November 27th,
10:00am

Tuesday, December 1st,
9:00am



Berniece M. Novosel passed away Monday, November 7, 2022 at the Rose Estates, in Overland Park, Ks. Funeral service will be at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 708 N 4th December 1, 2022. Visitation from 9-10AM and Mass of Christian Burial at 10AM. Burial Immediately following at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, KCK. Predeceasing her were her parents, her sisters Anne R. Spehar, Mary K. Novak, Mildred A. Nicholson, and brother Joseph A. Novosel. Berniece, known to her family and close friends as "Bunny", was born on October 23, 1923, the youngest of the children born to Gabriel and Katherine (Sutlic) Novosel of Kansas City, Kansas. During WWII she worked at the Aerion Mfg. Co., and Commonwealth Aircraft. After the war she began her secretarial career of nearly 35 years. Berniece maintained a high standard of personal appearance; she jealously guarded her reputation as a smart dresser, even in later years, as women's dress became more and more informal in the workplace. Berniece was a lifelong communicant of St. John the Baptist Church, Kansas City, Kansas. She was a volunteer at the parish rectory for many years, Berniece had a deep love of the Croatian community in which she lived as well as a deep respect for the enduring family values of that community.

Her survivors include her two nephews, Warren E. Spehar, of Taos, New Mexico and Alan E. Novak and his wife, Carol of Upland, California. She leaves six great nieces, two great nephews, six great-great nieces and two great-great nephews. The family requests direct memorial contributions in lieu of flowers to the Maintenance Fund of St. John the Baptist, Kansas City, Kansas.