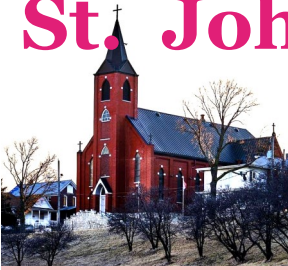


# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church



*Are You the One Who is to Come?*

Matthew 11:2—12

Third Sunday of Advent, December 11, 2022



## Parish Office:

708 N. 4th Street, Kansas City, KS 66101

Office: (913) 371-0627

Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am-5pm

Web: [stjohnthebaptistcatholicchurch.com](http://stjohnthebaptistcatholicchurch.com)

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Facebook: St. John the Baptist Croatian Parish

Instagram: OurCroatianParish

## 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 St. John the Baptist parish in December)

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

913-371-9690

Prayer Line (913) 281-4448

## A Prayer for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

We all have our Tepeyac,  
Our hill we're hurrying over in these December days.  
Perhaps, like Juan Diego,  
We are even avoiding You  
In our rush to get where we're going—  
To finish the shopping,  
To hang the decorations,  
To prepare the meal.  
May each one of us be stunned,  
Stopped in our tracks,  
By Your call to us in our native tongue.  
Alone as we may feel this Advent,  
Speak to us once more—  
Remind us of this:  
That You are here,  
That You are Our Mother,  
That You love us tenderly and unflinching.  
May we gather Your roses,  
So improbably blooming in the winter chill,  
And shower them on a weary world,  
Hungry for hope.  
Amen.

— Cameron Bellm  
December 12th



## Keeping In Touch

I write to you this week from Jerusalem! The days before leaving were extremely full. There was First reconciliation for Resurrection School. I helped hear confessions for Sacred Heart School in Shawnee. There was the WYCO priests regional meeting, as well as other meetings and lots of office work. In the midst of it all I found time to pack and get myself to the airport on Wednesday. The travel went smoothly - thank God! We flew into the Tel Aviv airport and then took a bus from there to Jerusalem. After checking into our hotel and a little supper I celebrated Mass for the pilgrimage group in the hotel chapel. We are a group of about 90 people so the chapel was full. After Mass we walked to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. As we walked through the Old City of Jerusalem it was pointed out to us that we were at certain times walking on stones that were there before Jesus walked the streets of Jerusalem. In other words, I walked on stones that Jesus probably walked on! As I experience this place where Jesus lived, died and rose from the dead be assured that I carry you all in my thoughts and prayers.

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



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday, Dec 11- Third Sunday of Advent

9am- Anna & Matt Modrcin  
John F. Mikesic  
Joseph Kladus  
Draga Tokic



### Thursday, Dec 15-

8am-- George, Jim, Frank Brajkovic  
Bette Curtin  
Family of Nikola & Jadranka Gojmerac

### Saturday, Dec 17-

4pm- **Vigil Mass at St. John the Baptist**  
St. John's and Holy Family parishioners

### Sunday, Dec 18- Fourth Sunday of Advent

9am- Betty Grbcich  
Bette Curtin  
Katherine Suljak & Mirica Black  
Joseph Livojevic & Family

## LITURGICAL MINISTRY -December

### December 10-11, 2022

**Lectors:** M. Garcia ; M. Viskovic  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** G. Garcia ; A. Kucenic  
**Servers:** A. Garcia ; M. Viskovic  
**Sacristans:** T. Jaksetic, B. Horvat;  
H. Rebeck, W. Christ

### December 17-18, 2022

**Lectors:** L. Worner ; V. Tomasic, M. Viskovic  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** R. Worner ; M. Tomasic  
**Servers:** none ; I. Dordevic  
**Sacristans:** C. Kolich, J. Lally ; P. Mikesic, P. Hill

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

	<u>Sat. 12/3/2022</u>	<u>Sun. 12/4/2022</u>
Envelopes/Loose:	1713.00	5330.00
Building Fund:	475.00	730.00
Candles:	91.00	72.50
Poor Box:		45.00
Special Envelopes:		50.00
Christmas Flower:	125.00	170.00
Immaculate Conception:	10.00	30.00
Christmas Offering:	30.00	100.00
Mass Intentions:		30.00

*The Altar Society collected 241 lbs of food for Catholic Charities, as well as many baby items and bottles for the Wyandotte County Pregnancy Center this past weekend. Thank you all for your participation and generosity to build the culture of life in our world today.*

*Sr. Marie Kathleen wants to say Thank You to everyone who came together to donate coats and clothing for the children.*

*Thank You*

## Upcoming Events

### 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. Financial donations can also be made. Checks can be made to St. John the Baptist Church with a designation for the food kitchen.

### The "Light Has Come"

Advent concert with the Sarah Kroger band will be in **Sabetha December 17th and Scranton December 18th** - both shows are 6-8 pm. There is no cost to attend and all ages are welcome! Please see the flier following and visit our website at: [www.archkck.org/rural/events](http://www.archkck.org/rural/events) for more information and site specific fliers.

No ticket charge.

### LOCATIONS:

#### Sacred Heart, Sabetha

1031 S 12th St, Sabetha, KS  
Saturday, December 17th 6-8 pm

#### Eleanor's White Barn, Scranton

335 W 189th St, Scranton, KS  
Sunday, December 18th 6-8 pm

No ticket charge

Free Will

Donations

Accepted

### 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 2023**) 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.

### 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](http://archkck.org/livinginlove) Scholarships available! Contact Brad DuPont: [bdupont@archkck.org](mailto:bdupont@archkck.org)

### Ignite for Life Mass & Rally

We are excited to have Lila Rose, Founder of Live Action, as our keynote speaker for IGNITE for Life on Tuesday, January 24th in Topeka! Visit [www.archkck.org/ignite](http://www.archkck.org/ignite) to learn more about Lila Rose and Live Action, the IGNITE for Life Rally the Kansas Mass & March for Life, and to register to attend. Please help us promote this event as we celebrate the end of Roe and let all know that in Kansas, we still value them both.

### 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](http://archkck.org/LGW)





## Items Needed/For Sale

### 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.

### Best Choice labels

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



### Festival T-shirts for sale-

If you didn't get a chance to purchase a t-shirt from the *Croatian Festival* you still can do so by visiting the parish office during the hours 8:30 am-5pm M-F or purchase online at [www.stjohnthecatholicchurch.com](http://www.stjohnthecatholicchurch.com)

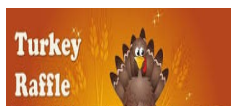
### Trash Bags for Sale

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.

## 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!!!



### Christmas in Kolograd Dance

6th Annual Christmas in Kolograd Dance together with **St. John's Catholic Club** and **special guest Rudy Grasha**.

Doors open at 5:00, dance starts at 6:00PM.

St. John's Famous sausage sandwiches, beer and soda available for purchase. BYO food and beverage.

Adults \$10, kids 12 and younger free. Dance and sing to your favorite kolos, polkas, waltzes & Christmas music.

Raffles! *Saturday, December 10, 2022 at 5pm* .

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### CROATIA WORLD CUP GROUP WATCH PARTY

Watch party will be held at **St. John's Catholic Club** at 414 Barnett Ave. Kansas City, Kansas 66101

*Tuesday December 13, 2022*. Doors open at **noon**. Kickoff is at **1pm**. Food available, donations appreciated and cash bar.



Please submit any bulletin news and events by **Thursday morning** to the Parish office by phone or email to our [croatianparish@gmail.com](mailto:croatianparish@gmail.com)

### What is special about the Third Sunday of Advent?

For much of the Church's history, this Sunday had a special name: "Gaudete" Sunday. The traditions surrounding this Sunday go back as far as the fourth or fifth century, as does the season of Advent itself. Advent, our preparation for Christmas, was originally a forty-day penitential season like Lent. In fact, since it used to begin on November 12 (just after the Memorial of St. Martin of Tours), it was called "St. Martin's Lent." "Gaudete Sunday" was the Advent counterpart to "Laetare Sunday," which marks the midpoint in Lent. On Gaudete Sunday, the season of Advent shifts its focus. For the first two weeks of Advent, the focus can be summed up in the phrase, "The Lord is coming." But beginning with Gaudete Sunday, the summary might be, "The Lord is near." This shift is marked by a lighter mood and a heightened sense of joyous anticipation. Liturgically, the colors lighten as well. The priest usually wears rose-colored vestments, a hue seen only on Gaudete Sunday and Laetare Sunday. On this day, we light the third candle of the Advent wreath, which is also rose-colored, or if you prefer, pink. The word "Gaudete" is Latin for "Rejoice." In times when the focus of our anticipation is often on the negative and fearful, this celebration is a reminder that God who loves us is still in charge and that we await his coming not with fear, but with tremendous joy.



### Christmas Mass

Saturday December 24th - 4pm Mass & Midnight Mass-St. John the Baptist

Sunday December 25th - 9am Mass—Holy Family

New Year's Eve and New Year's Day have the same regular schedule.