

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church



JOHN THE BAPTIST
FORERUNNER OF CHRIST

Matthew 3:1-12

Second Sunday of Advent, December 4, 2022

Parish Office:

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Office: (913) 371-0627

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

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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 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

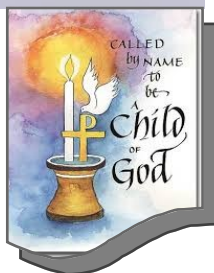
Ken Yarnevich

913-371-9690

Prayer Line

(913) 281-4448

St. John the Baptist parish would like to congratulate grandparents *Danny & Wendy Christ*, and also *Jeffrey & Hope Hughes* on the Baptism of their daughter **Elise Alexandra** & their son **Jackson Mecole**. Their Baptism took place at St. John's on Saturday December 3, 2022. May the Lord continue to shower blessings upon the entire family through Elise's and Jackson's grace of Baptism.



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.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

(Holy Day of Obligation)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2022

8:00 a.m. Mass at **St. John the Baptist** for both parishes.

12:00 p.m. - **St. Mary-St. Anthony**

Keeping In Touch

With the beginning of the Advent season, you may have noticed two changes at Mass. The first is that I wear purple vestments and there is purple cloth throughout the church. The second change is that at Mass on Sunday there is no Gloria. These two changes have a significance that we may not be aware of. The wearing of purple at Mass signifies three things; penance, preparation and sacrifice. No Gloria at a Sunday Mass is also an indication that we are in a Penitential season. This may seem like a surprise because we think this time of the year as a time to celebrate, but yet it is really a time of preparation to celebrate and we prepare with penance and sacrifice. As we continue in our Advent journey, let us enter into acts of penance and sacrifice so that we may truly prepare to welcome the Lord and to celebrate at Christmas. On another note I will be leaving this coming Wednesday for the Holy Land as a chaplain to a Pilgrimage from the Archdiocese. The next two weekends, Fr. Harry Schneider will be filling in for me. As always, please welcome him. Know that I carry you as always in my thoughts and prayers and look forward to seeing you all at Christmas.

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



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Dec 4- Second Sunday of Advent

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



Thursday, Dec 8- The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8am-- Joe & Anne Sachen



Saturday, Dec 10-

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

Sunday, Dec 11- Third Sunday of Advent

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



LITURGICAL MINISTRY -December

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

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

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Sun. 11/27/2022

Envelopes/Loose:	2466.00
Building Fund:	605.00
Candles:	115.00
Poor Box:	25.00
Special Envelopes:	60.00
(Christmas Flower)	

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.

Pregnancy Maintenance Initiative to benefit Wyandotte County Pregnancy Center ends 12/4 Donations of diapers, baby wipes, baby shampoo, baby lotion, and onesies will be gift bagged and given to expectant mothers in need at the center.

Catholic Charities Christmas Food Drive ends 12/4. All donations of canned food items, dry good items, hats, gloves, and socks will be donated to those in need this winter. All items will be given to Catholic Charities.

Upcoming Events

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.

Saint Joseph Saturday

Prepare your heart for Christmas! Join us for our half-day St. Joseph the Worker Advent Retreat on *Saturday, December 10, 2022 from 8:00am-12:00pm*. We'll explore with guided reflections, small group discussions, and prayer. Come listen to religious people and colleagues speak about how we can prepare ourselves for the Christmas season and Christ's birth. St. Agnes Catholic Church
5250 Mission Rd
Roeland Park, KS 66205

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 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.**

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

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 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

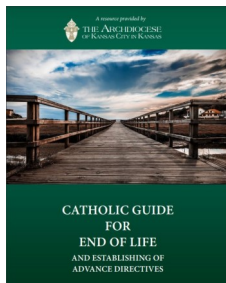
Adult children of divorced or separated parents can come find healing at the Life-Giving Wounds retreat, February 24-26 at Savior Pastoral Center in Kansas City, KS. The weekend is presented by trained peer leaders and includes insightful talks, Reconciliation/Adoration, time for prayer and optional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

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.

Best Choice labels

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



Please submit any bulletin news and events by Thursday morning to the Parish office by phone or email to our-croatianparish@gmail.com

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

Monday December 5, 2022.

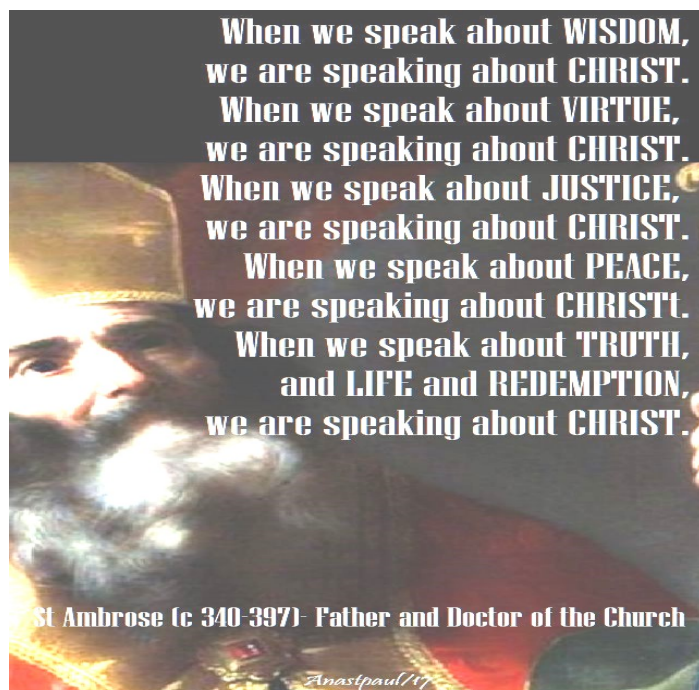
Doors open at 8am Kickoff is at 9am Breakfast available, donations appreciated, and cash bar.



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*. 708 N. 4th St. Kansas City, Kansas 66101





O good St. Nicholas, you who are the joy of the children, put in my heart the spirit of childhood, which the gospel speaks, and teach me to seed happiness around me.

You, whose feast prepares us for Christmas, open my faith to the mystery of God made man. You good bishop and shepherd, help me to find my place in the Church and inspire the Church to be faithful to the gospel.

O good Saint Nicholas, patron of children, sailors and the helpless, watch over those who pray to Jesus, your Lord and theirs, as well as over those who humble themselves before you.

Bring us all in reverence to the Holy Child of Bethlehem, where true joy and peace are found. Amen.

HOPE

Week 1

Candle Name: Prophet's Candle

Candle Symbolizes: Hope

Reminds Us: Jesus is coming

Verse: Romans 15:12-13

Prayer: O God, by whose word all things are sanctified, pour forth Thy blessing upon this wreath, and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from Thee abundant graces. Who livest and reignest forever. Amen.

PEACE

Week 4

Candle Name: Angel's Candle

Candle Symbolizes: Peace

Reminds us: The message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

Verse: John 3:16-17

Prayer: O Lord, stir up Thy power, we pray Thee, and come; and with great might help us, that with the help of Thy grace, Thy merciful forgiveness may hasten what our sins impede. Who livest and reignest forever. Amen.

Christ Candle
Light on Christmas Eve



Verse: John 1:29

FAITH

Week 2

Candle Name: Bethlehem Candle

Candle Symbolizes: Faith

Reminds Us: Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem

Verse: Luke 3:4-6

Prayer: O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son, that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure minds. Who livest and reignest forever. Amen.

Week 3

Candle Name: Shepherd's Candle

Candle Symbolizes: Joy

Reminds Us: The Joy the world experienced at the coming birth of Jesus

Verse: Luke 2:7-15

Prayer: O Lord, we beg Thee, incline Thy ear to our prayers and enlighten the darkness of our minds by the grace of Thy visitation. Who livest and reignest forever. Amen.

JOY