

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time~ January 15, 2023 John 1:29-34

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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 January)

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

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**CALL TO
SHARE 2nd
Week!**

**JANUARY
14/15**

**Parish Goal~
\$19,822**

John the Baptist courageously cried out about the coming of the Messiah. Please help us boldly proclaim Christ by supporting our Archbishop's Call to Share appeal. The Annual Appeal gives our parish the ability to readily respond when Christ asks by helping us remove financial obstacles. Please help us reach those in our community who need Jesus!

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

He is the one of whom I said,

'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.'

I did not know him,

but the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known to Israel."

John testified further, saying,

"I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him.

I did not know him,

but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me,

'On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain,

he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.'

Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."

John 1:29-34

Keeping In Touch

This past week has been busy with many things! Outside of Masses and Confessions there have been hospital visits, meetings, lots of office work, and trying to find a microphone for a sound system. While it was busy there were many moments where I saw God's great providence at work! One of those moments happened right after I found a store that had the microphone that I needed. Once I picked up the mic I thought to myself that Costco is just up the street and I need a few things from there for the rectory. I headed to Costco and got the things that I needed. As I am in the checkout, I hear "Fr Joseph". I turn around and there is man I know and I have not seen in about 10 years or so. He had been living in California and he just moved back to Missouri with his wife and three children. It was so good to see him. In fact, to make God's providence even more clear. A couple of nights before this encounter Fr Peter and myself were chatting and this man came up in our conversation and we wondered how he was doing and we said that we should try and find out how he was. God put him back in our path and we will be getting together soon to get caught up with each other. God is so good and full of surprises!

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



ST. ANTHONY, ABBOT

"The devil is afraid of us when we pray and make sacrifices. He is also afraid when we are humble and good. He is especially afraid when we love Jesus very much. He runs away when we make the Sign of the Cross."

EWTH.com



St. Anthony The Abbot ~ Feast Day Jan. 17

Anthony "the Great", the "Father of Monks", ranks with those saints whose life exercised a profound influence upon succeeding generations. He was born in Middle Egypt (about 250) of distinguished parents. After their untimely deaths, he dedicated himself wholly to acts of mortification. One day while in church he heard the words of the Gospel: "If you wish to be perfect, go, sell what you have, and give it to the poor" (Matt. 19:21). It seemed as if Christ had spoken to him personally, giving a command he must obey. Without delay he sold his property, gave the proceeds to the poor, and went into the desert (about 270). When overcome by fatigue, his bed was the hard ground. He fasted rigorously, ate only bread and salt, and drank only water. Nor would he take food before sundown; at times he passed two days without any nourishment.

Often, too, he spent whole nights in prayer. The saint suffered repeatedly from diabolical attacks, but these merely made him more steadfast in virtue. He would encourage his disciples in their struggle with the devil with such words: "Believe me; the devil fears the vigils of pious souls, and their fastings, their voluntary poverty, their loving compassion, their humility, but most of all their ardent love of Christ our Lord. As soon as he sees the sign of the Cross, he flees in terror." He died in 356 on Mount Kolzin by the Red Sea, 105 years old. A year later his friend, the fearless bishop and confessor St. Athanasius, wrote his biography, which for centuries became the classic handbook of ascetics. As seen by St. Anthony, the purpose of asceticism is not to destroy the body but to bring it into subjection, re-establishing man's original harmonious integrity, his true God-given nature. St. Anthony lived in solitude for about twenty years. "His was a perfectly purified soul. No pain could annoy him, no pleasure bind him. In him was neither laughter nor sadness. The sight of the crowd did not trouble him, and the warm greetings of so many men did not move him. In a word, he was thoroughly immune to the vanities of the world, like a man unswervingly governed by reason, established in inner peace and harmony."



St. Agnes ~ Feast Day Jan. 21 (c. 304) like St. Cecilia, is to be numbered among the most famous martyrs of Rome. When the Diocletian persecution was at its height, and when priests as well as laymen were apostatizing from the faith, Agnes, a girl of twelve, freely chose to die for Christ. When she was commanded to offer incense to false gods, she raised her hand to Christ and made the Sign of the Cross. When the heathens threatened to bind her hand and foot, she herself hastened to the place of torture as a bride to her wedding feast. Pain had no terror for her—although the fetters slipped from her small hands while even the pagan bystanders were moved to tears. When the son of the Roman prefect offered to marry her, she replied: "The one to whom I am betrothed is Christ Whom the angels serve." When the executioner, who was to behead her, hesitated, she encouraged him with the words: "Strike, without fear, for the bride does her Spouse an injury if she makes Him wait". The name of "Agnes" means "lamb-life," and hence the lamb is the symbol of the modesty and innocence of the virgin-martyr.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Jan 15- 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am- Tony Jr. & Helen Kovach
Edie Kovach
Family of Nikola & Jadranka Gojmerac
Kucenic & Novogradac Family

Thursday, Jan 19-

8am- Bryan McGinley
Joseph Rahija

Saturday, Jan 21- St. Agnes

4pm- Vigil Mass at Holy Family Church

St. John's and Holy Family parishioners



Sunday, Jan 22- 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am- Miro Jadric
Ana Macan
Berniece Novosel
Charles "Jake" Sutulovich

LITURGICAL MINISTRY -JANUARY

January 15, 2023

Lectors: G. Garcia, M. Piskuric
Eucharistic Ministers: M. Garcia
Servers: A. Garcia
Sacristans: H. Rebeck, W. Christ

January 22, 2023

Lectors: A. Dordevic, A. Garcia
Eucharistic Ministers: M. Tomasic
Servers: I. Dordevic
Sacristans: B. Horvat

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Sun.01/08/2023

Envelopes/Loose:	4975.00
Building Fund:	850.00
Candles:	115.25
Poor Box:	20.00
Church of Latin America:	66.00
Catholic Charities:	1.00
Immaculate Conception:	1.00
Solemnity of Mary:	46.00
Christmas Offering:	1.00
Christmas Flowers:	1.00
Mass Intentions:	110.00
Donation:	1000.00
In Memory of:	110.00
(Anna Baska)	

Office will be **closed** on **Monday January 16, 2023** in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. day.

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

Upcoming Events



~Rosary Rally~
January 22, 2023
3:00 pm-4:15 pm
St. Mary/St. Anthony
Parish
615 N 7th St.

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.

Tickets for Resurrection Catholic School at the Cathedral's Taste of KCK are on sale now.

To purchase tickets for the January 28th event or to make a donation, visit rcksk.org or call the school office at 913-371-8101. Partnerships are also still available at this website or call Greg Alejos at: 913-909-0422. Join us for Resurrection Catholic School's annual **Taste of KCK!**

When: **Saturday, January 28, 2023, 6 PM - 9 PM**

Where: **Resurrection Catholic School** at 425 N. 15th St, KCK 66102. 6 PM Social, 7 PM Ethnic Buffet Dinner, 8 PM Program. Proceeds benefit students through academic programming, classroom supports, need-based scholarships, and operations. Tickets are \$100 and go on sale January 1, 2023. For more information, to purchase a ticket, or make a donation, please visit rcksk.org/taste-of-kck or call 913-371-8101.

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!



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 Events

Mardi Gras **PARTY**

Saturday, February 18th

** at 5:00 pm **

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE MARDI GRAS
IN ST. JOHN'S GYMNASIUM

DINNER WILL BE SERVED
FROM 5:00 - 7:30

MUSIC BY THE BARIC BROTHERS WILL
BEGIN AT 6:00

TICKETS- \$15



Mardi Gras Dinner & Dance

Please come join us on *Saturday February 18, 2023* to celebrate Mardi Gras in the gym of St. John's with a dinner and dance! Red Beans & Rice or Jambalaya dinner will be included in ticket price of \$15.00 per person. Beverages available for purchase. Doors will open after 4 o'clock Mass. Music by the Baric Brothers will begin at 6pm. RSVP by contacting the Club 913-371-9690 or Larry Steele 913-956-2096.



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Lenten Shrimp Dinners

Come join us for our Lenten Shrimp dinners on *Friday March 3, 2023 & March 24, 2023* in the gym of St. John's. Cost of dinner is \$20.00 includes jumbo shrimp, corn on the cob, potatoes, hush puppies, salad and bread. RSVP by contacting the Club 913-371-9690 or Larry Steele 913-956-2096



Parish life is very important to Catholics. It is in the parish that we experience the ordinary events (e.g., Sunday Mass, potluck dinners, Bible studies, festivals, etc.) and the extraordinary moments (e.g., baptisms, first Communions, weddings, funerals) of our faith life.

ARCHBISHOP JOSEPH F. NAUMANN



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