



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

LOVE
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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time~ February 19, 2023 Matthew 5:38-48

Parish Office:

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

Office: (913) 371-0627

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

Web: stjohnthebaptistcatholicchurch.com

Email: ourcroatianparish@gmail.com

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 in February)

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

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 22, 2023

MASS OPPORTUNITIES

10:00 a.m. - St. John the Baptist

5:30 p.m. - Holy Family Church

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

5:30p.m. every Friday beginning *March 3rd*
at St. John the Baptist (Croatian)

"By the sweat of your brow you shall eat bread, Until you return to the ground, from which you were taken; For you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

- *Genesis 3:19*



Keeping In Touch

This past week seems to be a week of meetings from couples wanting to get married to meeting with accountants and everything in between. One of the meetings was regarding our schools. The meeting comprised of pastors and school leaders. It was a very informative and productive meeting. We are very blessed in our Catholic Education here in this Archdiocese and we are continually looking to see how we can make it even better. As always, I continue to invite your support and prayers for our Catholic Schools. In the midst of the business of the meetings, I have also had to look to the week to come. It is hard to believe that this coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and Lent begins. As we prepare to enter into the season of Lent, let us have before us the call of the season - conversion of life. On Ash Wednesday as the ashes are imposed, one of the possible formulas to be used when imposing the ashes says in part, "repent and believe in the gospel." This is what we should be about for the next 40 days. The repenting of our sins and growing in faith.

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

PRAYER FOR LENTEN GRACE

Loving God, during the sacred season of Lent, bring me closer to you. Prepare a place in my home and heart for silence and solitude, so that I may re-discover the grace of a prayerful life.

Help me to fast from those things that threaten the well-being of body and soul and remind me of the grace of simplicity.

Enlarge my heart so that I give to those in need and, in so doing, re-discover the grace of gratitude and generosity.

May this season be a grace-filled time to rekindle my love for and faith in you.

Amen

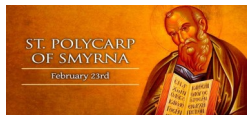
MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Feb 19- 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am- Ana Ploge
Family of Nikola & Jadranka Gojmerac
Nikola & Magda Sestric
John F. Mikesic

Thursday, Feb 23- St. Polycarp Bishop and Martyr

8am- Mary Ellen Fracul
Pauline Wolf Payne
Mike & Ana Skradski
Ivan Zeleznak



Saturday, Feb 25-

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

Sunday, Feb 26- First Sunday of Lent

9am- Miho & Milka Car
Anton Ladesic
Charles "Jake" Sutulovich
Mary Margaret McGinley & Johnny McGinley



LITURGICAL MINISTRY -February

February 18-19, 2023

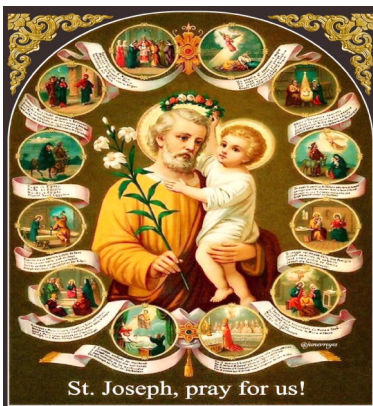
Lectors: B. Horvat ; V. Tomasic, M. Piskuric
Eucharistic Ministers: G. Garcia ; M. Tomasic
Servers: A. Garcia ; I. Dordevic
Sacristans: A. Nastav, R. Nastav ; P. Mikesic, P. Hill

February 25-26, 2023

Lectors: G. Garcia ; C. Schneider, M. Viskovic
Eucharistic Ministers: M. Garcia ; A. Kucenic
Servers: A. Garcia ; M. Viskovic
Sacristans: T. Jaksetic, C. Delich ; B. Horvat

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

	<u>Sat.02/11/2023</u>	<u>Sun. 02/12/2023</u>
Envelopes/Loose:	622.00	2611.00
Building Fund:		135.00
Candles:	51.00	76.50
Poor Box:		15.00
Mass Intentions:		120.00
Food Kitchen:		150.00
Donation(s)		350.00



~Rosary Rally~

February 19, 2023
3:00 pm-4:15 pm

St. Joseph Parish
11311 Johnson Dr.
Shawnee, KS 66203

Prayer Requests

Becky Horvat, George Fracul, Karen Novak,
Maria Peresic, Ana Piskuric, Enzina Reynolds



Upcoming Events

Holy Trinity of Lenexa is holding a Day of Renewal

Preparing for Lent retreat on *February 18*. Our guest speaker is **Gus Lloyd**, host of *Seize the Day* on Sirius XM 129, The Catholic Channel. To view the agenda and to register for the retreat, go to: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4cabab2ca2fac25-dayofrenewal#/>

BINGO St. Mary-St. Anthony

Church Basement 615 North 7th, KCK

Sunday, February 19th, 2 PM

No more football; come join us for an afternoon of fun. \$5.00 admission gets you one BINGO hard card, coffee, desserts and popcorn. Additional cards and beverages may be purchased. Hope to see you there!

Please come join us for Game Night at The PAL!

Saturday February 25, 2023 5:00pm-9:00pm at 800 N. 5th St. Kansas City, Kansas 66101. \$65.00/person includes all food, all drinks & bingo! You can purchase tickets at www.eventbrite.com or call **Mia Tomasic** for tickets at 816-673-4842.

All adults are invited to attend one of two adult mini-retreats held on *February 25, 2023* in Holton & Burlington. **Mike Patin** uses humor and stories to reflect on the goodness of our Eucharistic Lord, and invites us to go on courageous mission for the Glory of God. Rural parishioner attendance earns grant money for your parish youth programs. Find out more at archkck.org/rural/events

Lenten Shrimp Dinners

Come join us for our Lenten Shrimp dinners on *Friday March 3, 2023 & March 24, 2023* in the gym of **St. Johns**. Cost of dinner is \$20.00 per person and will include 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.

Grab your friends, family, youth group, and chaperones and register for this year's RCYC which will be held *March 25-26, 2023* at **Prairie Star Ranch**. Expect everything like a big conference, but smaller & relaxed with one screen and better food. \$10 off for registrations completed in February. We can't wait to see you there!

Needed /For Sale

Jewelry Needed!

Please save all jewelry 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.

Camp Tekakwitha staff is an extraordinary experience! Lifelong friends, eternal faith and crazy fun!! Those graduating HS and beyond may apply at: <https://archkck.org/camp/general-information/campstaff/>

9th Annual

ARCHBISHOP'S INVITATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ART EXHIBIT AWARDS RECEPTION

DATE: MARCH 3, 2023

TIME: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: Savior Pastoral Center
12601 Parallel Pkwy,
Kansas City, KS 66109

Dates of Exhibition: March 3rd - April 30th

MORE INFORMATION:

CFNEK@ARCHKCK.ORG OR 913-647-3062



There will be a second collection at both Masses this weekend for earthquake relief for Turkey and Syria.

All donations received this weekend at St John's will be sent directly to either Catholic Relief Services <https://support.crs.org/donate/earthquakes> or Catholic Near East Welfare Association <https://cnewa.org/> per the recommendation of The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Mass & Procession to Planned Parenthood KCK - Third Saturdays

Please mark your calendars every third Saturday of the month to join others from around the Archdiocese to celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass followed by a procession to Planned Parenthood on Leavenworth Road in KCK. Abortions are expanding rapidly in Kansas. Your prayers and peaceful witness on the sidewalks is urgently needed to save unborn lives and help women in need.

Saturday, Feb 18th, 8:00 a.m. Mass
Christ the King Parish, 3024 N 53rd St, Kansas City, KS
Process to Planned Parenthood after Mass for sidewalk prayer

February 21st - KC Pregnancy Center 2023 Mardi Gras Banquet

You're invited to the 2023 KC Pregnancy Center Mardi Gras Banquet - "Changing Lives...Saving Lives"! Featured Speaker, Chet McDoniel, was born with no arms and shortened legs. He remains positive throughout life's obstacles and believes he has the secret to enjoying life to its fullest. Register [HERE](#) today to support the important life-saving work of the KC Pregnancy Clinic!

Tuesday, February 21, 2023
5:30pm - 8:30pm

Sporting Park Soccer Stadium (Shield Club)
1 Sporting Way, Kansas City, KS 66111

Your parishioners support **ACTS** by making donations where they sit!
Easy to use QR code:

- *Have parishioners open their phone to Camera
- *Take a picture of the QR code
- *Enter giving information into the secure giving portal
- *It's that EASY!



Mission.ArchKCK.org

Scan here to donate
to the 2023 Archbishop's
Call to Share Appeal

For questions about your gift please call the
Office of Stewardship and Development at 913-647-0325



CALL TO SHARE 5th Week!
February 18/19
Parish Goal~ \$19,822

Don't forget to return your Call to Share envelope!
As of January 25, 2023, out of 179 households,
7 households returned their CTS
appeal for a total of **\$3,750.00**.
(total is updated monthly)

New Look! This year's in-pew envelope is a combined in-pew envelope and brochure. This type of envelope allows parishioners to learn more about how **ACTS** impacts the lives of those in the Archdiocese. We encourage those who have never given to ACTS to use these envelopes.



Croatian Open Golf Tournament is *May 19th*. If you golfed last year please submit your team entry fee of \$400 by *April 15* to reserve your spot. After that date your spot is not guaranteed. Hole sponsorship is also very important to the success of the tournament. Sponsorship levels are \$100, \$250, and \$500. Proceeds will go towards bowling lane maintenance and support of a scholarship fund the Club is looking at starting up. Sponsorships forms are available in the back of the Church or at the Club. Any questions please email me.

Sachenjoe@gmail.com

Thanks Special note: A replacement furnace and A/C system has been donated by **Adam Golubski** of Delta T H/C.

This item will be in an oral auction open to anyone. More details to follow.

Sidewalk Counselors Needed – Training *Feb 28th*

Are you interested in helping mothers facing challenging pregnancies become aware of the high-quality medical resources available to them through local pregnancy resource centers? The St. Louis Method of sidewalk counseling is a method proven to be highly effective in helping mothers to shift from seeking an abortion to seeking quality health care for themselves and their children. In less than 15 years in the St. Louis area, this method has yielded over 3,000 "turnarounds," namely, a woman entering an abortion facility who was helped by a sidewalk counselor to instead seek quality medical care through the help of a pregnancy resource center. You could be the next counselor assisting a woman in need to receive quality care! No prior training or education is necessary; we will provide you with all of the tools you will need. The next training session will be held at *7 pm on Tuesday, February 28th*, in the basement (Davern Hall) of **Christ the King Parish** in KCK (3024 N 53rd St, Kansas City, KS 66104). Please RSVP to lifekcksidewalk@gmail.com if you plan to attend. Please reach out to coordinator **Dan Mauro** at the same email with any questions or to inquire about other ways to become involved in this exciting life-affirming work.

Renewed by His Love: Women's Conference on Healing and Forgiveness

May 4-6, 2023 @ Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Lenexa KS
May 4th- 5pm-9:30pm May 5th- 6-10pm May 6th- 8am-4pm We all have something in our lives that is broken — that needs to be mended, fixed or healed. Jesus longs to wrap His arms lovingly around us, healing broken relationships with God, broken relationships with others and broken parts of ourselves. As women, we tend to put everyone else's needs ahead of our own, sometimes including our spiritual needs. Join us to experience **Christ's Divine Mercy** and the power of healing and forgiveness in your life. We will have exposition of the **Blessed Sacrament**, adoration, & opportunities for reconciliation, as well as a wine and cheese social Friday evening. **Archbishop Naumann** will also celebrate Mass with us. Presenters include **Fr. Joel Haug, Sr. Bethany Madonna & Mr. Andrew Comiskey** Early registration for \$85 ends March 19. Regular registration is \$125. More information: www.catholicwomensconferencekc.com

A message from the Office for Protection & Care

If you suspect abuse...

First, make a confidential report to the Kansas Protection Report Center at (800) 922-5330.

Call law enforcement if the person is in immediate danger or injured.

Next, if the suspected abuse involves a cleric, employee, or volunteer of the Archdiocese, call the Archdiocesan Confidential Report Line at (913) 647-3051 or visit archkck.org/reportabuse.



Office for
Protection & Care

The Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas | www.archkck.org

We are a community committed to preventing abuse. Our policies and programs prioritize safety of children and the vulnerable.

We care about survivors of abuse. **Victim Care Advocate: (913) 298-9244**

LENTEN FASTING & ABSTINENCE



Fasting

Ash Wednesday
Good Friday

Ages 18-59

Abstinence

Every Friday
during Lent

Ages 14+

How do we fast?

When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

Am I excused from fasting and abstinence?

Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the **physically or mentally ill** including individuals suffering from **chronic illnesses** such as **diabetes**. Also excluded are **pregnant or nursing women**.

For more information on fasting and abstinence, visit usccb.org.

