



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church



First Sunday Of Lent~ February 26, 2023 Matthew 4:1-11

Parish Office:

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



Mar 29, 1930 ~ Feb 17, 2023

Rose M. Munjak Brooks was born *March 29, 1930*, in Kansas City, KS the daughter of George & Anna (Jarsulic) Munjak. Rose was a lifelong member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, her funeral Mass was held on *February 23, 2023*. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, her 2 brothers, Joe Munjak (Mary Ann) and Mike Munjak and a sister Anna Baska (Gene). Rose is survived by her sister, Helen Prentzer, 2 sons and their wives, Don and Sandy Brooks, Dan and Suzanne Brooks, granddaughter and her spouse, Lauren and Tim Dercher, great grandchildren, Delaney and Brooks Dercher, step grandchildren, Leslie Yoest and her husband Joseph, Eric Serrano and step great grandchildren, Raymond Joseph, Braxton and Zachary Yoest, Marshall, Oscar & Cora Serrano and many nieces & nephews.



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

Lent has begun. As you may recall, I am the extraordinary Confessor for a monastery in Oklahoma. With the beginning of Lent it is time for me again to visit the monastery to be available for confessions for the monks. I will spend Monday and the better part of Tuesday at the Monastery hearing confessions. Please pray for me and for the monks that this time of the Sacrament of Reconciliation may be a time of grace and mercy. During this time of Lent when we take a look into our lives and strive to draw closer to God, we may find ourselves recognizing and acknowledging of how we have not done what God wants us to do. These are important moments in our lives because it gives us the opportunity not only to change our ways so that we are more closely following the Lord, but also it gives us the opportunity to turn to His mercy. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is one of the greatest gifts that God has given to us frail human beings. In this time I encourage each and every one of us to look into our lives and to see those areas where we need to change to be able to walk more closely to the Lord and to seek his mercy and forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Feb 26- First Sunday of Lent

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



Thursday, March 2-

8am- Ivan M. Vardijan
Ana & Ivan Sr. Zeljeznjak
Bernice Tomasic
Frank & Franklin Stimac

Saturday, March 4-

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



Sunday, March 5- Second Sunday of Lent

9am- Nick & Joel Fabina
Mike Zeljeznjak
Sandy McGinley Blankenship
Michael McGinley

LITURGICAL MINISTRY -Feb & March

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

March 5, 2023

Lectors: M. Viskovic, R. Sambol
Eucharistic Ministers: M. Garcia
Servers: A. Garcia
Sacristans: P. Mikesic, P. Hill

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

	<u>Sat.02/18/2023</u>	<u>Sun. 02/19/2023</u>
Envelopes/Loose:	1277.00	1791.00
Building Fund:	20.00	150.00
Candles:	48.50	94.00
Poor Box:		15.00
Black Indian Mission:	225.00	60.00
Central Eastern Europe:		70.00
Earthquake (Turkey & Syria)	351.00	1292.00

Thank you for your donation to support the
Earthquake for Turkey & Syria. God Bless

BIBLE STUDY

with Sr. Marie Kathleen Daugherty

Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. beginning on March 2,
2023.

The study group will meet at Holy Family School.
All are welcome! Bring your bible!

Prayer Requests

Becky Horvat, George Fracul, Karen Novak,
Maria Peresic, Ana Piskuric, Enzina Reynolds,
Chris Braun, Sr. Mary John.



Upcoming Events

Rectory Office will be Closed March 3, 2023

Coffee and Donut Sunday

The event will be hosted by the **Seniors** in the church
basement after the *9am-Mass on Sunday March 5th*.
Please come and join the parish for fellowship and updates
from other parishioners.

Monthly Senior Luncheon

Senior meeting and lunch will be served. Bring a friend and
come join us for fellowship, with bingo and prizes on
Wednesday March 8th starting at 11 am in the church
basement.

Food Kitchen

Food Kitchen date is for **March 13th**. 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.

St. Bernadette's Circle

Members of the circle are invited to come to the meeting
on *Tuesday February 14th at 6 pm* in the church base-
ment. Not a member, but want to become a member? Call
the office for more information at 913-371-0627 ask for
Wendy.

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 jum-
bo 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.

Lenten Silent Retreat: Blessings of the Beatitudes

Christ's Peace House of Prayer

22131 Meager Rd., Easton

Friday, March 17th at 5:30pm - Sunday, March 19th at
4:30pm

Join us this Lent as we follow the blessed path that **Jesus**
laid out for our sanctification. **God** created us to live a
life that leads us to the beatific vision. Living the beati-
tudes allows us to overcome our transgressions against
divine law, regain our spiritual health, and bring us face to
face with our loving God. There are conferences,
Eucharistic Adoration, Mass, Confession and time for pri-
vate prayer, reflection and walking. Cabins/Courtyard
Rooms: \$170 Single/\$250 Couple or Single Guest Rooms:
\$100 (Meals Included). To attend, fill out the
Individual Retreat Form at ChristsPeace.com or call
913.773.8255.

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 every-
thing like a big conference, but smaller & relaxed with one
screen and better food. \$10 off for registrations complet-
ed in February. We can't wait to see you there!

Please submit any bulletin news and events by Thursday
morning to the Parish office by phone
913-371-0627 or email to
ourcroatianparish@gmail.com



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

Bean Soup with Chayote Squash & Rice Recipe – Honduras



1 onion, diced
 1 red bell pepper, diced
 2 garlic cloves, minced
 2 tablespoons of olive oil
 3 15-oz cans of red beans, drained and rinsed
 2 cups of water
 1 vegetable bouillon cube
 1 yellow chili, seeded and minced
 1 jalapeño, seeded and minced
 1 15-oz can diced tomatoes with liquid
 Juice of 1 lime
 2 chayote squashes, peeled, seeded and cut into cubes, or summer squashes
 Fresh cilantro
 4 cups of cooked white rice
 Sauté onion, bell pepper and garlic in oil until translucent. Add beans, water and bouillon, and heat thoroughly. Add yellow chili, jalapeño, tomatoes, lime juice and chayote, and simmer on low for about an hour. Add cilantro and serve over rice.

Serves 4-6

crsricebowl.org

During Lent, we are called to give special attention to our relationship with God. Through opportunities to deepen our prayer, practice fasting and give alms, we meet our Lord and encounter our sisters and brothers around the world.

Make a donation to CRS Rice Bowl to help communities in Honduras, the Philippines, Kenya and other countries overcome hunger and malnutrition, poverty and the impacts of climate change. Your almsgiving will make a difference for families trying to escape poverty and thrive.

To donate by phone:
 1-877-435-7277

To donate by mail:
 Catholic Relief Services
 CRS Rice Bowl
 PO Box 5200
 Harlan, IA 51593-0700

The gifts described are symbolic and represent the good your donation will do for people in the countries where we serve. You will find the CRS Rice Bowls at the entrances of the church please take home, fill and bring back before end of Lent

Archbishop Naumann will be offering a series of weekly Lenten reflections on the narrative of Christ's Passion found in the Gospel of John. A reflection will be posted Monday of each week of Lent, along with transcriptions and study guides in English and Spanish. They are encouraged for personal meditation and/or group study through the Lenten season. **Archbishop's** reflections can be accessed at: <https://archkck.org/oe/lenten-reflections/>
Jesus' Passion in the Gospel of John
 (Chapters 18-19)

Week 1 of Lent – Jesus is Arrested in John 18: 1-11 (posts 2/27)

Week 2 of Lent – The Courtyard of the High Priest in John 18:12-27 (posts 3/6)

Week 3 of Lent – Interrogation before Pilate in John 18:28-40 (posts 3/13)

Week 4 of Lent – Jesus is Condemned in John 19:1-16 (posts 3/20)

Week 5 of Lent – Jesus is Crucified in John 19:17-30 (posts 3/27)

Holy Week – Testimony in John 19:31-42 (posts 4/3)

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.



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



Earthquake relief for Turkey and Syria

If parishioners wish to donate to the Earthquake Relief for Turkey and Syria, the United States Conference of Catholics Bishops suggests donating to Catholic Relief Services <https://support.crs.org/donate/earthquakes> or Catholic Near East Welfare Association <https://cnewa.org>.

David Kauffman presents:

A Lenten Mission with Song & Story

Sunday, March 19, 2023, 3-4:30 pm
At Immaculate Conception Church
711 N 5th St, Leavenworth, KS

David Kauffman is the founder of *Good for the Soul Music™* based in San Antonio, TX. He has presented Concerts, Keynotes, and Mission Nights all over the US for more than 30 years. His mission is Song and Story for Healing and Hope. David's songs and message help us connect the sacred to the ordinary in our lives. Prepare to open your hearts and hear God's word during this special Lenten Mission at 3:00 PM, Sunday, March 19 at Immaculate Conception Church (711 N 5th St, Leavenworth, KS). Bring your family and friends! All are welcome!

For more information contact Theresa Vitt at the parish office (913)682-3953.

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!



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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 25/26

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

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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**