



# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

## SALT & LIGHT

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time~ February 5, 2023 Matthew 5:13-16

### 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)

Email: [ourcroatianparish@gmail.com](mailto: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

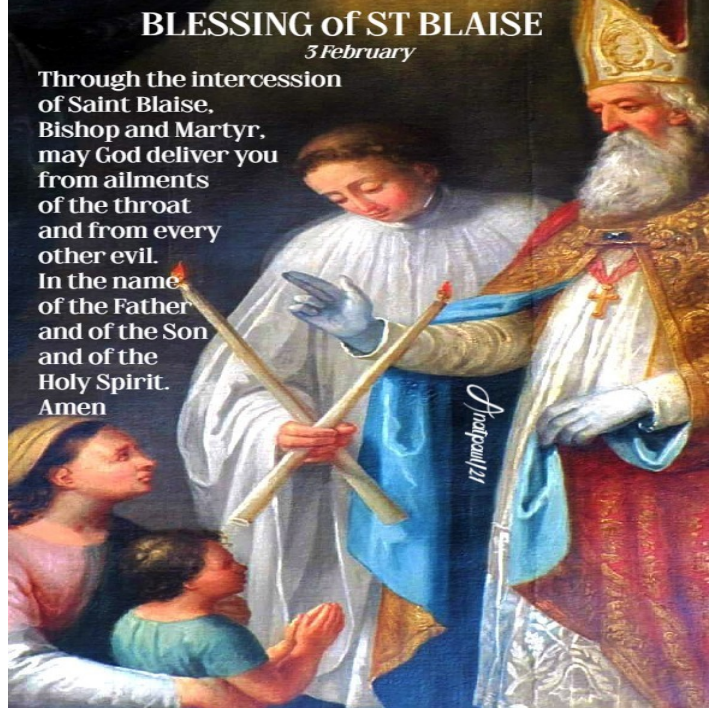
(913) 281-4448

Prayer Line

### BLESSING of ST BLAISE

3 February

Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen



### Keeping In Touch

This past Friday, we celebrated the Feast of St. Blaise. As you may remember, it is on the Feast of St. Blaise that we bless throats. You may wonder why we do this. St. Blaise is a martyr of the early church. He was a Medical Doctor and a Bishop. He was renowned for his healing. In 316, Bishop Blaise was arrested for being a Christian. On his way to the jail, a woman set her only son who was choking to death on a fishbone, at his feet. Blaise cured the child and though his captors were amazed, they could not get Blaise to renounce the faith. They then beat Blaise with a stick, tore at his flesh with iron combs, and finally beheaded him. This is the reason that we seek his intercession in blessing throats. The prayer that is prayed as we bless throats is as follows, "Through the intercession of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and every other illness. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

After the masses this weekend, I will be available to bless the throats of anyone who wishes.

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

## IN MEMORIAM



### Ivan Zeleznak

January 7, 1942 - January 12, 2023

The Family would like to say "Thank You", to everyone for coming together to help with the luncheon and services for **Ivan Zeleznak** and family.

Thank you for the dessert donations in support of **Fr. John Melnick's** funeral lunch, held at **SMSA**. It was a very nice affair with great help and a collaboration of the **SMSA**, **HF**, and **SJB Altar Societies**.







Photo of Fr. Joseph M. Arsenault, SSA, JV saying the closing prayer at Taste of KCK fundraiser for Resurrection Catholic School on January 28, 2023.

A total of \$168,000.00 was raised for RCS. The school currently has an enrollment of 315 students.



Jesus said to his disciples:

"You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned?"

It is no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house.

Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father."

- Matthew 5:13-16



### IGNITE Rally & Mass for Life and the Kansas

**March for Life** – Thank you! Thank you to everyone who attended the IGNITE Rally & Mass for Life and the Kansas March for Life on January 24th in Topeka! It was a wonderful day to pray together as Kansans for the legal protection of preborn children and protections for the safety and dignity of expectant women. Please visit [archkck.org/prolife/activities/pro-life-events/](http://archkck.org/prolife/activities/pro-life-events/) to access a recording of the Mass for Life with the Bishops of Kansas (homily by Archbishop Joseph Naumann) and EWTN's coverage of the day's activities.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday, Feb 5- 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9am-** Miho & Magda Kucenic  
Stefan & Kata Ivicak  
George Dolinar  
Anna Baska

**Thursday, Feb 9-**

**8am-** Mike & Ana Skradski  
Ivan Zeleznak

**Saturday, Feb 11- Our Lady of Lourdes**

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



**Sunday, Feb 12- 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9am-** Mike Zeljeznjak, Dragutin & Barbara  
Mirica Black  
Mike & Katherine Suljak  
Suljak & Livojevic Family

## LITURGICAL MINISTRY -February

**February 4-5, 2023**

**Lectors:** L. Worner ; S. Taylor, M. Viskovic  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** R. Worner ; N. Gasparovic  
**Servers:** none ; M. Viskovic  
**Sacristans:** K. Grisnik E. Grisnik ;  
H. Rebeck, W. Christ

**February 11-12, 2023**

**Lectors:** B. Horvat ; M. Viskovic, R. Sambol  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** T. Jaksetic ; S. Morrow  
**Servers:** none ; A. Morrow  
**Sacristans:** M. Foster, J. Foster ; G. Garcia

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Sun.01/29/2023

Envelopes/Loose:	2730.00
Building Fund:	450.00
(In Memory of Anna Baska)	
Candles:	119.48
Poor Box:	12.00
Solemnity of Mary:	10.00
Mass Intentions:	120.00
In Memory of:	140.00
(Berniece Novosel)	

Mark your Calendar!

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

February 22, 2023

### **MASS OPPORTUNITIES**

10:00 a.m. - St. John the Baptist  
5:30 p.m. - Holy Family Church  
7:00 p.m. - Holy Family Church (Burmese)

## Upcoming Events

### Coffee and Donut Sunday

The event will be hosted by **St. John's Catholic Club** in the church basement after the **9am Mass on Sunday February 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 February 8th starting at 11 am** in the church basement.

### Food Kitchen

Food Kitchen date is for **February 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 basement. Not a member, but want to become a member? Call the office for more information at 913-371-0627 ask for Wendy.



~Rosary Rally~

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

**St. Joseph Parish**

11311 Johnson Dr.  
Shawnee, KS 66203

## Items 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

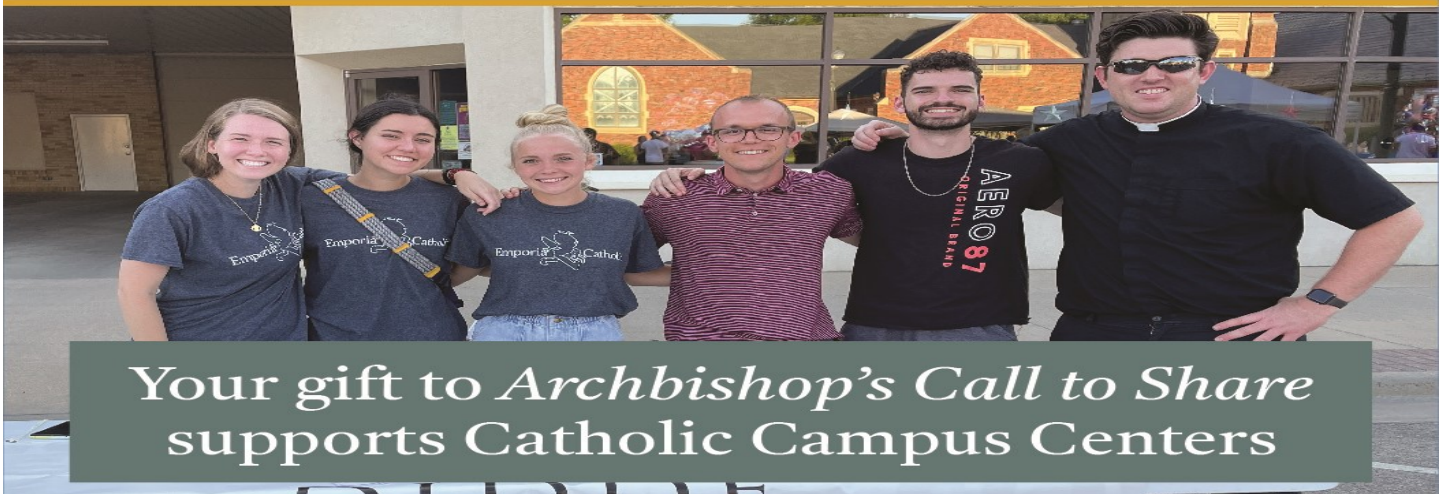
We now have trash bags for sale in the rectory. Yellow bags are 39gal 25/roll, white bags are 15 gal 65/roll, and the blue bags are 55gal 16/roll, cost per roll is \$12.00. Please stop by the church office during business hours of 8:30am-5pm to get yours! All proceeds will support our Parish. Thank you.

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





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**CALL TO SHARE 5th Week!**  
**February 4/5**  
**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.

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.



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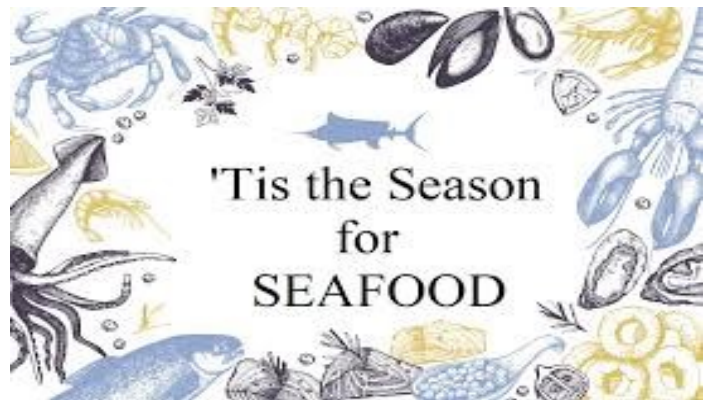
Your gift to  
*Archbishop's Call to Share* supports  
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## St. John's Catholic Club Events



### **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 6 pm. RSVP by contacting the club 913-371-9690 or Jaime Clark 913-558-1698



### **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.



## St. Mary-St. Anthony Event



### **BINGO**

**St. Mary-St. Anthony Church Basement**

615 North 7<sup>th</sup>, KCK

Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 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!



# GAME NIGHT AT THE PAL

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**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2023**

**BENEFITTING THE  
POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE OF KCKS**  
800 N. 5TH ST. KANSAS CITY, KS 66101




**POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE**  
KANSAS CITY, KS

Doors open at 5:00 pm,	Your \$65/person donation
Play begins at 6:00 pm	Includes dinner, beer and soft
Free game cards	drinks
Great prizes	50/50 Raffle

**PURCHASE TICKETS AT EVENTBRITE  
OR AT THE DOOR**

**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](http://www.eventbrite.com) or call **Mia Tomasic** for tickets at 816-673-4842.



**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/>




Rural YM Outreach 

## Come to the TABLE

A mini-retreat to re-kindle your love for the Eucharist and re-center your lives on Him.

**WHY?:**  
Mike Patin is our speaker | Snacks | Giveaways | Your heart needs a get away | Your attendance earns grant money for your parish youth | It's only a couple of hours

All adults are invited to attend one of two adult mini-retreats held on February 25, 2023 in Holton and 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](http://archkck.org/rural/events)




## DAY OF *Renewal*

PREPARING FOR LENT

Gus Lloyd, the exciting and engaging host of *Seize the Day* on Sirius XM 129, The Catholic Channel, is visiting for a Day of Renewal: Preparing for Lent. He will share his testimony, speak on apologetics and his book, *Magnetic Christianity*. ([guslloyd.com](http://guslloyd.com))

**This event is FREE | Registration Required**  
**Cost for lunch is \$10 (optional)**  
**Sign up using the URL or QR Code:**

**Saturday, February 18**  
9:00am - 2:30 pm  
Holy Trinity Catholic Church  
13615 W 92nd St, Lenexa, 66215



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4cabab2ca2fac25-dayofrenewal>

**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#/>