

Parish Office:

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Office: (913) 371-0627 Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am-5pm

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St. John the Baptist Croatian Parish Facebook:

OurCroatianParish Instagram:

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 in March)

Sunday at 9 am Thursday at 8 am

Parish Ministries:

Finance Council Richard Sambol Parish Council Don Taylor Kelly Moutray Altar Society St. Iohn's Club Ken Yarnevich 913-371-9690 (913) 281-4448

Prayer Line



In Memoriam

October 15, 1935- March 13, 2023

"Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen."

A visitation & rosary honoring

Barbara Jean Campbell Hotujac was held at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 708 N. 4th Street, Kansas City, KS at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, March 17, followed by the reguiem mass at 10:00 and a graveside service at Gate of Heaven Catholic Cemetery, 126th & Parallel Pkwy, Kansas City, KS. Family and friends attended a luncheon at St. John the Baptist following the services.



Mrs. Enzina Reynolds would like to say Thank you to everyone for all the nice warm heartfelt cards, prayers, and visits from each of you. She misses her church and her friends and hopes to return soon. Let's continue to keep her in our prayers.



Saint Joseph, Pray for us. Feast Day - March 20

PRAYER FOR ST. JOSEPH'S PROTECTION

Oh. St. loseph, whose protection is so great, so prompt, so strong, before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires.

Oh, St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your Divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of fathers.

Oh, St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while he reposes near your heart. Press him in my name and kiss his fine head for me and ask him to return the kiss when I draw my dving breath. St. Joseph, patron of departing souls, pray for me.

Fr. Joseph's "Keeping in Touch" column will return next week.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, March 19- Fourth Sunday of Lent ~

9am- Frank Stimac Laetare Sunday

Franklin Paul Stimac

Marica Black Katherine Suljak

Thursday, March 23- St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

8am- Janko & Mary Piskuric Ivan & Veronika Sudac

Rose Brooks Lou Reimer



Saturday, March 25- Annunciation of the Lord

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

parishioners



Sunday, March 26- Fifth Sunday of Lent

9am- Ivan Zeleznak

Barbara, Mike, Anna Kralj

Jure Zeljeznjak

Joe, Mijo, Veronika Sudac

LITURGICAL MINISTRY MARCH

March 19, 2023

Lectors: V. Tomasic, V. Dordevic Eucharistic Ministers: M. Tomasic Servers: A. Morrow, M. Viskovic Sacristans: H. Rebeck, W. Christ

March 26, 2023

Lectors: S. Taylor, M. Viskovic **Eucharistic Ministers**: A. Kucenic

Servers: M. Viskovic Sacristans: B. Horvat

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

	<u>Sun. 03/12/2023</u>
Envelopes/Loose:	3337.00
Building Fund:	290.00
Candles:	50.50
Poor Box:	12.00
Priest Retirement:	25.00
Mass Intentions:	100.00
Central Eastern Europe:	30.00
Easter Flowers:	140.00
In Memory of: (Sophia Kovac)	15.00
Donations:	11,275.00

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, Jennifer Vallejo,
for all those who suffer from addictions,
cancer, mental health issues, for those who are serving
time in prison, for our catechumens who will enter the
church on Holy Saturday and our candidate for Confirmation, and anyone else in need of our prayers.

Happy Birthday! March 19 Sr. Mary Michael MacChesney



Upcoming Events

The Altar Society will have our first meeting of the year on Sunday March 19th, following 9am Mass. Our annual Palm Sunday Bake Sale will be on April 1st and April 2nd following Mass. Lots of yummy Croatian baked items will be available for purchase. Apple Strudels will be for sale \$15/strudel with a limit of 3/person. The St. Bernadette circle will have a craft table with some wonderful gifts during the Palm Sunday Bake Sale. Proceeds go towards a quilt for the upcoming festival. Continue to Save your Best Choice Labels and drop them in the box in the vestibule of the church.

Lenten Shrimp Dinners

Come join us for our Lenten Shrimp dinners on *Friday March 24* at 5:30pm 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.

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.

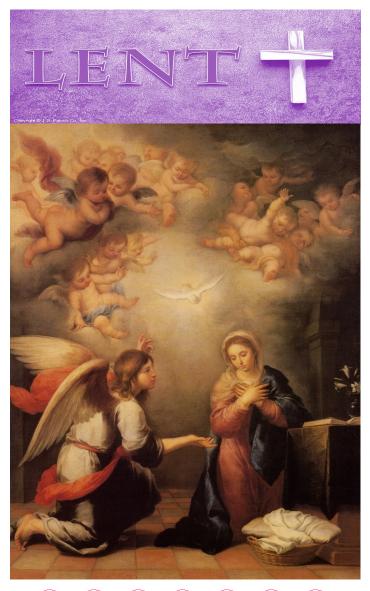
Best Choice labels

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 913-371-0627 or email to ourcroatianparish@gmail.com



SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD March 25

"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." -St. Luke 1:3

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS

5:30p.m. every Friday during Lent 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



YIELD: 2-3 MAINS (OR 4-5 SIDES)
Blitva - Croatian Swiss Chard with Potatoes

Blitva is an incredibly easy, quick-to-prepare, healthy and so delicious vegan recipe from Croatia, made out of Swiss chard and sautéed potatoes.

Ingredients

1 kg (2.2 lbs) Swiss chard (regardless of whether green or colored)

500 g (17.7 oz) (waxy) potatoes

1 onion, diced

4 cloves of garlic, finely chopped

12 tbsp olive oil

1 tbsp (homemade) vegetable stock powder (or "Vegeta", see notes)

1 tsp salt pepper

Instructions

- 1. Wash and clean the chard and separate the leaves from the stem (have a look at the photo in the post). Cut the stem into approx. 0.5-1 cm pieces and cut the leaves into coarse stripes.
- 2. Peel the potatoes, cut them into smaller pieces, and put them into a pot with 1-2 liters of boiling salted water. Cook the potatoes for about 7 minutes.
- 3. Next, add the chard stalks and the vegetable stock and cook for another approximately 7 minutes, at least until the potatoes are soft.
- 4. While the potatoes are cooking, heat 5 tablespoons of olive oil in a pan and fry the onions (but do not let them turn brown). Add the garlic, chard leaves, and salt. Steam for about 5 minutes (preferably with the lid closed) until the chard has shriveled.
- 5.Now add the drained potatoes and chard stalks to the pan, as well as 5 more tablespoons of olive oil. Slightly mash the potato pieces with a fork. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Serve and drizzle the remaining olive oil (1 tbsp per plate) on top.

Notes

Instead of vegetable stock powder, you can also use Vegeta *), the condiment of the Balkans. In Vienna, I find it in most regular supermarkets. Be sure to buy the glutamate-free version. Please start with less than 1 tbsp and also decrease the amount of salt as Vegeta tastes quite intense, as much as I can remember!

https://www.plantbasedredhead.com/en/blitva/

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 screens and better food. We can't wait to see you there! Please see the flier and find more information at: https://archkck.org/rural/events/rcyc/



This life-giving event began in 2017 and has been a real gift to many retreatants. It is held at Prairie Star Ranch on April 28-30th. You will find speakers that inspire, sacraments that draw you to the heart of Christ and fellowship with other women. This retreat offers large group and break out sessions individual reflection, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, free time, friendship, laughter, and joy! Here you will find the space to relax rejuvenate and reconnect. Come enjoy the beauty of God's creation at Prairie Star Ranch and the gift of sharing life with other women seeking the heart of Jesus. Below is the link for all of the information and to register: https://archkck.org/camp-tekakwitha-womensretreat/?fbclid=lwAR2_Xvj5Boljh9K39vMcP1r7J0s6wmithcCE1vAXskwVdS_gSdACnm6ZT3I

The Office of Evangelization of the Archdiocese of Kansas, in collaboration with

Sophia Spiritually Center, will like to invite all the women to a Lenten Multicultural Retreat on Sunday, April 16th from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.at the Sophia Center in Atchison. The Retreat is bilingual. Let's reach across the English-Spanish language barrier to extend mercy, healing, and hope to each other. This Divine Mercy Sunday experience will include Mass with the Benedictine Sisters, brunch, and contemplative experiences. Join us for what promises to be rich multicultural interaction and sharing. For more information, use this link Catholic Woman Retreat. For questions, contact the Evangelization Office. Karla Melgar. kmelgar@archkck.org (913) 328-2600

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 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)

The Office of Evangelization of the Archdiocese of Kansas, in collaboration with the parish of Holy Angels, would like to invite you to join us this holy season by attending The Instruments of Christ's Passion for a Lenten Parish Retreat with Father Daniel Nash, Canon of Klosterneuburg from Monday, March 20 through Thursday, March 23. Father Daniel Nash will explain how the instruments of Christ's Passion relate to us through nature. "The Instruments of Christ's Passion" Retreat features: the Agony in the Garden, Christ's Imprisonment, the Scourge, the Trial, the Crown of Thorns, Nails, the Lance in His Side, the Holy Cross and the Seven Last Words of Christ.

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

Runnin' With the Revs Games

All are invited to cheer on their favorite priest or student player at the Runnin' With the Revs basketball game on *Monday, March 20th* at **St. Thomas Aquinas High School** in Overland Park or *Monday, April 17th* at **Hayden High School** in Topeka. Both games begin at 7 pm. Priests will be teamed up with 8th grade and high school students from area Catholic schools in an exciting game of basketball. Bring your family and friends to enjoy this fun event. Donations collected will benefit our seminarians.

The Enderle-Bogenrife Scholarship Endowment:

Mary Rose Enderle and Richard Bogenrife have established a scholarship endowment for Catholic students living in Leavenworth and Wyandotte counties that plan on attending a trade or vocational school. Most trade and vocational programs are available through community and technical colleges. The scholarship award is for tuition up to \$5,000.00. To request a scholarship application, please email Dave Hernandez at landofoz1239@sunflower.com or call 913-369-2718.

Scholarship application deadline is May 1, 2023.

CHILLI DINNER & BINGO

Saturday, March 25th

Bishop Forst Hall at St. Mary - St. Anthony Church 615 N. 7th St. | Kansas City, KS 66101

EVENT TIMELINE (5-8 PM)

- 5:00 PM: Doors open. Silent auction and 50/50 raffle begin.
- 5:45 PM: Bingo begins. There will be 10 games.
- 7:45 PM: Silent auction and 50/50 raffle end. Drawing takes place before 8 P.M.



Chili Bowl: \$5 Chili Dog: \$5 Hot Dog: \$2 Beer: \$2 Soda/Water: \$1 Popcorn: \$1

Menu:

The Catholic Schools Office is hosting a second Discovery Day for those interested in working or learning more about working in Catholic schools in the Archdiocese. This drop-in event is on Saturday, March 25th, from 9 AM - 11 AM at Hayden Catholic High School in Topeka, Kansas. Information will be available about curriculum, faith formation, teacher autonomy, teacher benefits and tuition remission, job openings, and more. There is a teacher shortage across the country in Catholic schools and public schools. We greatly appreciate your help spreading the word about this event & your support of Catholic schools!

Attention! Couples celebrating your 50th
Wedding Anniversary in 2023 Archdiocesan
50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration
May 21, 2023 2:00 pm, Church of the Nativity
Leawood. To receive your invitation from
Archbishop Naumann, please call the parish
office and give us your name, address, phone
number and date of your wedding. Please do
this as soon as possible.

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.