



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

THE WAY OF JESUS
COME & SEE - FOLLOW ME - GO & MAKE

The Ascension of The Lord ~ May 21, 2023 Matthew 28: 16-20

Parish Office:

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Sacraments:

Confession at 3 pm before Saturday Mass or call for appointment

Parish Staff:

Fr. Joseph M. Arsenault, SSA, Pastor

Mr. Stuart Taylor, Music Director

Mrs. Wendy Christ, Administrative Assistant

Mass Schedule:

Saturday at 4 pm

(at Holy Family in May)

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

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Prayer Line (913) 281-4448



Keeping In Touch

On Saturday, May 20 at Sacred Heart Church in Shawnee, a new transitional Deacon was ordained for this Archdiocese. On Saturday May 27 at Prince of Peace parish in Olathe, three young men will be ordained to the Priesthood for this Archdiocese.

Ordinations are always a time of great joy. Not only for us priests, but indeed for the entire church. While we are grateful for the ordinations of these four men, we know that more are needed. And so the call to pray for Vocations and to encourage vocations is very important. Just the simple phrase, "have you ever thought of becoming a priest" to a young man can be a turning point in his saying yes to God.

Some may say and think that the priesthood in our day is too difficult. Yet if one is called to the priesthood by the Lord, it is indeed the only place they will find true happiness. And what appears to the world to be a difficult life, will be a life filled with joy.

Please join me in praying for these four men that God will bless their ministries and that they will accept the grace of perseverance given by the Lord. Let us also pray to the Lord of the Harvest to send many more laborers into his vineyard.

Easter Blessings,

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



The Great Commission

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted.

Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.

And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

-Matthew 28:16-20

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, May 21- The Ascension of

9am- Novica Nikolic **The Lord**
Family of Zeleznak
Katherine Suljak
Draga Tokic



**Thursday, May 25- St. Bede the Venerable,
St. Gregory VII & St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi**

8am- Bob Braun Sr.
Mike Bartolac
Anton & Lily Rendulic
Tone Dolinar & Nikola Bert

Saturday May 27- St. Augustine of Canterbury

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

Sunday, May 28- Pentecost Sunday

9am- Ana, Nikola, Mara, Josip, Janko Kucenic
Ivan Zeleznak
Vera Mikic
Marica Dukovic



LITURGICAL MINISTRY MAY

May 21, 2023-

Lectors: A. Dordevic, M. Garcia
Eucharistic Ministers: M. Tomasic
Servers: A. Garcia, M. Viskovic
Sacristans: S. Sandelich, G. Garcia

May 28, 2023-

Lectors: C. Schneider, M. Piskuric
Eucharistic Ministers: A. Kucenic
Servers: A. Morrow
Sacristans: H. Rebeck, W. Christ

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Sun. 5/14/23

Envelopes:	4013.00
Loose:	564.50
Building Fund:	550.00
Candles:	266.00
Poor Box:	25.00
Mother's Day	603.00
Ascension of The Lord:	75.00
Catholic Community Campaign:	20.00
Fraternity of Missionaries	871.00
the Poor of Jesus Christ:	
Mass Intentions:	20.00



QR Code for Online Giving

Prayer Requests

Pope Francis I, George Fracul, Karen Novak, Ana Piskuric, Enzina Reynolds, Jennifer Vallejo, Chris Braun, Special Intention, for all those who suffer from addictions, cancer, mental health issues, for those who are serving time in prison, and anyone else in need of our prayers.



Congratulations to **Sarah Mikesic** who graduated from Emporia State University on *May 13, 2023*. She received a degree in Master of Science in special education, high incidence prek-12 grade. She is finishing up her 3rd year of teaching and will continue to work at Edwardsville Elementary for the 2023-2024 school year.



Thank you to **Wendy, Dr. Judy & Theresa** for purchasing and planting the beautiful flowers outside of church, just in time for Mother's Day!

Upcoming Events

Coffee and Donut Sunday

The event will be hosted by the **St. John's Catholic Club** in the church basement after the **9am Mass on Sunday June 3rd**. Please come and join the parish for fellowship and updates from other parishioners.

Food Kitchen

Food Kitchen date is for **June 12th**. 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 deserts and 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 June 13th at 6 pm** in the church basement. Not a member, but want to become a member? Call the office for more information 913-371-0627 ask for Wendy.

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 June 14th starting at 11 am** in the church basement.

BIBLE STUDY

with Sr. Marie Kathleen Daugherty
Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.

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

As part of our Pro-Life Ministry, the St. John the Baptist Altar Society will be accepting the following items for the **Pregnancy Maintenance Initiative** at Catholic Charities of WyCo: Each bag contains diapers, wipes, baby wash/ shampoo, a onesie. Each mother will receive a bag with these five items in it, as these are the first gifts to the baby. This campaign will start now until the end of May. Boxes will be at each entrance of the church for all donations.

CROATIAN DAY PICNIC
SATURDAY June 3rd After 4pm Mass
FOOD - DANCING - RAFFLES - BEVERAGES

Mark your calendars for this fun-filled event hosted by St. John's Catholic Club. It will be held on *June 3, 2023* after the 4pm Mass on the parish grounds. Dancing, Music will be performed by Hrvatski Običaj. We will have food (Lamb/Ćevapi), beverages, dancing and raffles will be available. See you then!!

Continue the St John's tradition. Altar Society is sponsoring Father's Day Breakfast, June 18 after 9 am Mass in auditorium... \$5 ticket. Tickets can be purchased after Masses see **Nancy and Anita Gasparovic**. Tickets may also be purchased through the rectory or at the door. Men, women, boys, and girls are welcome to attend.

Baby Bottle Boomerang

The **Altar Society** will be collecting baby bottles for the Wyandotte Pregnancy Clinic. Bottle will be available after Mass on *Mother's Day*. Fill and return by *Father's Day*, 6/18. Donations will benefit the Clinic where women can receive free testing, baby items, counseling, parenting and life-skills education. Please make checks payable to the Clinic NOT St John's Church. Thank you for your generosity.

MAKE A LEGACY GIFT THAT WILL LIVE ON THROUGH NEW LIVES

Designate a percentage of a life insurance policy, your IRA, or make a grant from your Donor Advised Fund to a pregnancy center, or the Pro-Life Ministry of the archdiocese



archkck.giftlegacy.com

May 22
Feast Day

St. Rita
 Patron Saint of the
Impossible

Out of compassion for us He descended from Heaven and although He ascended alone, we also ascend, because we are in Him by grace.— St. Augustine

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

Volunteers Needed – Shalom House Dinner Ministry Catholic Charities is seeking volunteers to support the residents of **Shalom House** – our men's transitional living program – by providing dinner throughout the week. This opportunity is for individuals, families or groups to commit to prepare and deliver a nutritious meal. Volunteers are encouraged – but not required – to serve and eat with residents (must be 18 or older to serve and eat with residents). Our Dinner Ministry is 100% volunteer driven and we are grateful of the care and effort that our volunteers make to ensure our brothers are nourished. There are many opportunities Monday-Sunday to get involved. *Food must be delivered between 5:00PM-5:30PM to our residence located at 2601 Ridge Avenue – Kansas City, KS 66102.* For more information or to sign up, please use the SignUp Genius: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0844a5a82aa4f49-shalom3#> or contact our **Volunteer Engagement Team** (ccnekvolunteers@catholiccharitiesks.org)

Volunteers wanted for festival dance
Your 2023 Croatian Festival Team is looking for fun individuals to help with our dance. The festival will be *Saturday, Aug. 19* and the dance begins at 9 p.m. on the museum grounds.
Here's what you will do:
☐ Ice cans of beer and soda
☐ Sell food and beverages
☐ Break down the chairs afterward
☐ Have a great time visiting and listening to music
 So...find a buddy and help us out.
 We hope to find at least one or two people who will take over the position.
 Information: KCKCroatianFestival@gmail.com or call **Kathy Lally Bareiss at (480) 926-8715.**

CALL TO SHARE PROGRESS REPORT
SJB- KC-Parish Goal~ \$19,822

As of May, 2023, 64 gifts were received for a total of \$16,693
 (total is updated monthly)

Prayerfully consider making a gift to those in need this Lent. Thank you! Mission.Archkck.org

Thank you so much for supporting the Archbishop's Call to Share! You and your parishioners make a difference in people's lives. The success of ACTS is a true reflection of the generosity and service of you and your parishioners.

June 9-11, 2023, Kansas City

*Is your marriage going down the right road,
 or is it a little off track?*

Life can be difficult, and so can the challenge you face in marriage. Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way?

Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as nonreligious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track.

For more information, contact Registration at 1-800-470-2230 or visit our website: helpourmarriage.com



ST. THOMAS MORE
CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM

Register:



JUNE 2, 2023

8:00 AM - 1:30 PM

Savior Pastoral Center
 12601 Parallel Pkwy
 Kansas City, KS 66109

The Catholic Foundation of Northeast Kansas' Continuing Education Program is a great opportunity to network in person, obtain continuing education credits, and support the Catholic professional community. To learn more or to register, visit: <https://www.cfnek.org/events/thomas-more>

PENTECOST VIGIL 2023

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together (Acts 2:1)

Saturday, May 27, 2023, 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. (parish Mass at 4:00)

Guardian Angels Church
(handicap accessible)

1310 Westport, Kansas City, MO 64111

Talks given by **Fr. Scott Brossart**, SOLT, confession, praise and worship music, blessing of sacramentals, prayer for healing and a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit, Parish Mass **Fr. Carlito Saballo**, celebrant. Registration \$15.00 (financial assistance available) optional lunch \$7.00

Questions: Carol (816) 885-2322

SAVE THE DATE

- OCT 2ND- 2023-

STRAWBERRY HILL **Altar Societies** GOLF TOURNAMENT

4 PERSON SCRAMBLE SUNFLOWER GOLF COURSE

1:00 PM SHOTGUN START. \$125.00 FEE

INCLUDES GREEN FEES, GOLF CART, PRIZES, DINNER, SNACKS, ALL BEVERAGES!

CONTACT ALTAR SOCIETY **Presidents-**

CAROL SHOMIN, 913-897-4833,

KELLY MOUTRAY, 816-863-4414, or

SANDY CANNON 913-396-1564.

Feast of Corpus Christi Eucharistic Retreat: Hidden Truths of the Greatest Treasure Christ's

Peace House of Prayer 22131 Meager Rd., Easton Friday, June 9th at 5:30pm - Sunday, June 11th at 4:30pm The Eucharist is the "source and summit of the Christian life". As we prepare to celebrate the **Feast of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ**, we will delve in and discover the rich truths found in the greatest treasure of the Church. There are conferences, Eucharistic Adoration, Mass, Confession and time for private 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.

MONTHLY PRO-LIFE PRAYER TO END ABORTION

Christ the King Church in Kansas City, KS, located at 53rd and Leavenworth Road, is hosting a monthly all-night adoration, Mass, and procession to beg for the protection of the unborn and the conversion of those seeking and providing abortions.

The next Vigil and Mass will take place starting Friday, May 19th from 7 p.m. till Saturday morning the 20th, concluding with a bilingual Mass at 8 a.m. Confessions will be available during Mass. Then, we'll take a short walk down Leavenworth Road to the Planned Parenthood clinic where we will pray until 10am.

Please join us for part or all of this work to end abortion in Wyandotte County, in Kansas, and the whole country. We are looking for adorers throughout the night, particularly able-bodied men to anchor the safety of the night hours. Please contact the Christ the King office to sign up for a slot: 913.287.8823 (call or text) contact@ctkkck.org

SAVE THE DATE!
ST. MARY - ST. ANTHONY
2023 SUMMER FESTIVAL

FOOD GAMES RAFFLES
MUSIC
SILENT AUCTION

JUNE 17

MORE INFO COMING SOON!
MASS - 4:00P.M.
FESTIVAL 5-8:30P.M. IN THE PARISH HALL

FOR THE MOST UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION,
PLEASE FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK AT
ST. MARY-ST. ANTHONY CATHOLIC CHURCH
OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT:
WWW.SMSACK.COM



This year the club is able to offer three scholarships. One for elementary/middle school, one for high school, and one for college/university. Each will be worth \$2,000. In order to qualify for the elementary/middle school and high school scholarships the applicant must be attending a Kansas City metro area Catholic school in the coming school year and be sponsored by a member of the club. In order to qualify for the college/university scholarship the applicant must have graduated from a Catholic high school and be sponsored by a member of the club or be a member themselves. The deadline for applying is *July 21st, 2023*.

If awarded the scholarship the recipient will not be eligible to receive the same education level scholarship again but will be eligible to apply for the other education level scholarships (eg. If applicant A receives the 2023-2024 high school scholarship they are no longer eligible for future high school scholarships, but will be eligible for the college/university scholarship). For any questions, including links to the scholarship applications, please contact **Andy Mikesic** at andymikesic@gmail.com

And here are the links for the scholarships:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1FueE0zdimrab6AL-PD1oeIHyaRFwsNUzxVe6QywFJEs/edit?usp=sharing>

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1QYS73ZY3E5AK-YxFXPdwPUMvQYnzg_4RyJVu1Ejt3Nk/edit?usp=sharing

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1MTAld4dEWKlZPao5iZ0A5Dyo8WcS-3UC2-9HrNE-Om8/edit?usp=sharing>