

#### **Parish Office:**

708 N. 4th Street, Kansas City, KS 66101 Office: (913) 371-0627 Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am-5pm stjohnthebaptistcatholicchurch.com Web: 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 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 Parish Council

Richard Sambol Don Taylor Kelly Moutray Ken Yarnevich 913-371-9690 (913) 281-4448

#### **Prayer Line**

**Altar Society** 

St. John's Club

# Keeping In Touch

It is hard to believe that we have come to the end of the Easter season with the celebration of Pentecost. When we celebrate Pentecost, we celebrate not only the descent of the Holy Spirit, but the birth of the Church. As we give thanks for the gifts of the spirit, we also give thanks for the gift of the Church. So we pray that the Church will continue to grow and to proclaim the message of the good news.

It is also hard for me to believe that it is time once again to go to the monastery where I am the Extraordinary Confessor. I will leave on Sunday afternoon to travel to the monastery and will hear confessions all day Monday and part of Tuesday and will be home Tuesday night. Please pray for me that

the trip will be safe and that my time at the monastery ministering to the monks will be a blessed time.

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



## **7 GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**



On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

#### - John 20:19-23



# MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

#### Sunday, May 28- Pentecost Sunday

9am- Ána, Nikola, Mara, Josip, Janko Kucenic Ivan Zeleznak Vera Mikic Marica Dukovcic

#### Thursday, June 1-

8am- Mary Ann Schneider Zvonko Krstulic & Nikola Krstulic Misko Piskuric Robert Wiedemann

#### Saturday June 3-

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

#### Sunday, June 4-

9am- Joseph Schwab Ivan Zeleznak Sophia Kovac James Markovich

# LITURGICAL MINISTRY MAY-JUNE

May 28, 2023-

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

#### June 3-4, 2023-

Lectors: L. Worner; R. Sambol, M. Viskovic Eucharistic Ministers: R. Worner; A. Kucenic Servers: none, M. Viskovic Sacristans: J. Lally, C. Kolich; P. Mikesic, P. Hill

# WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

<u>Sun.</u>	5/21/23
Envelopes:	4957.00
Loose:	115.00
Building Fund:	340.00
Candles:	129.00
Poor Box:	5.00
Mother's Day :	250.00
Father's Day:	110.00
Ascension of The Lord:	110.00
Catholic Community Campaign:	59.00
Mass Intentions:	110.00
In Memory of:	150.00
(John Novak)	
Donations:	6500.00
	<i>MOMEN</i>
QR Code for Online Giving	

# Prayer Requests

Pope Francis I, Dianna L. Stimac, 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.

# 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 4th.* Please come and join the parish for fellowship and updates from other parishioners.

#### Croatian American Social Club Annual Members Picnic

Will be held on *June 4* at 1pm at Wyandotte County Park (Shelter D) **Denny Tokic** 913-488-9976

#### 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.

# Continue the St John's tradition. Altar Society is sponsoring Father's Day Breakfast,

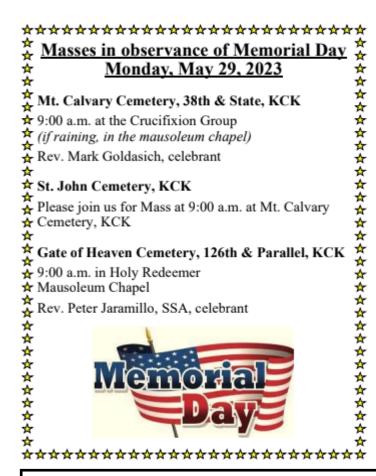
June 18 after 9 am Mass in auditorium... \$5 ticket. Tickets can be purchased after Masses see Nancy and Anita Gasparovic. Tickets may also be purchased through the rectory or at the door. Men,

#### 12 Fruits of the Holy Spirit

- 1. Love 2. Joy
- Faithfulness
  Gentleness
- 2. Joy 8 3. Peace 9
  - 9. Self-control
- 4. Patience 10. Modesty
  - 11. Chastity
- 6. Generosity

5. Kindness

12. Goodness



## KANSAS CITY'S SLAVIC HERITAGE CELEBRATION – FUN FAMILY EVENT 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Sugar Creek Slavic Festival – Friday, June 9 & Saturday, June 10, 2023

## 12 GREAT REASONS TO GO TO SLAVIC FEST

Traditional Food: Sarma, Kielbasa, pierogi, goulash, haluski, povitica and kolache to kieflies. An expanded Art section, Tamburitza music performed by Hrvatski Obicaj, and Grammy winning Brave Combo-World Beat, Polka Party Dance Band. Pivo Pong, George Toma Day – Tribute Friday, June 9, 2023, A Croatian Wedding-Joe Baric & Cassie Beth

- Get Married, and America's largest kolo dance circle. Connect with your Heritage... <u>www.slavicfest.com</u> or Mark O'Renick | hello@slavicfest.com |

816.809.4533



# Shepherd Field Group \_ Holy Land

For the bulletin



Our Friends from Bethlehem in the Holy Land are going to be in our church Saturday and Sunday June 3 & 4

They come to us to sell the olive wood carvings and crafts that are hand made by the Christians in the Holy Land. This is their main source of income.



We need to support these people by buying their

beautiful olive wood carvings and crafts so we can help Christian families stay in the Holy Land.

Pray for the Christians in the Holy Land and support them so we all can do our part to keep our Christian bells ringing in the Holy Land.

Thanks and God bless.

www.shepherds-field.com

**Skradski Funeral Home** is seeking a part-time funeral assistant to work at visitations and funerals. If you are interested, please email a resume to Jenny@skradskifh-kc.com

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/60b0844a5a82aa4f49shalom3# 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



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Help Catholic schools say yes to low-income students!

Make a gift to the CEF Scholarship Drive today.

Learn more and donate online at CEFKS.org/ScholarshipDrive

## 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.



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.

#### **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. <u>Please make checks payable to the Clinic</u> NOT St John's Church. Thank you for your generosity.

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.





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/1MTAId4dEWKIZPao5iZ0A5Dyo8WcS-3UC2-9HrNE-Om8/edit?usp=sharing