



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Fifth Sunday of Easter ~ May 7, 2023 John 14:1-12

Parish Office:

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Office: (913) 371-0627

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 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

913-371-9690

Prayer Line (913) 281-4448

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way." Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." - **John 14:1-12**

Keeping In Touch

The time is flying by ... another week has passed. It has been a good week. This coming week I have to be away at meetings again. As you know one of the "hats" that I wear is that I am the Ecumenical and Interreligious Officer for the Archdiocese. This coming week the National Workshop on Christian Unity is taking place. This is the annual gathering of representatives from the various denominations. Each group has its own name. For the Catholics we belong to CADEIO. This stands for Catholic Association of Diocesan Ecumenical and Interreligious Officers. The association is broken up into regions and we belong to region 9. For a number of years now I have served as the regional rep for region 9 which means that I am on the Board of Directors for CA-DIEO. During the workshop we have meetings where all the participants gather together and we also have meetings where each of the associations gather separately. The annual gathering is always a busy time as we try to cram in as much as we can since we only gather once a year. Our theme this year is "Do good; seek justice" (Isaiah 1:17). Please pray for me and all of us that will gather for the National Workshop on Christian Unity that our work & prayer together will bear fruit and bring us closer to the desire of the Lord that we all may be one!



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

MAY IS THE MONTH
OF MARY



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, May 7- Fifth Sunday of Easter

9am- Franklin Stimac
Mike Zeljeznjak & Zeljeznjak Family
Ana Zeleznak, Cena Cavlovic
Ivan Zeleznak

Thursday, May 11-

8am- Janko & Mary Piskuric
Ivan & Veronika Sudac
Special Intentions
Bernice Kovac

Saturday May 13- Our Lady of Fatima

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



Sunday, May 14- Sixth Sunday of Easter/ Mother's Day

9am- Mike Suljak
Family Livojevic
Marica Black
Katherine Suljak

LITURGICAL MINISTRY MAY

May 7, 2023-

Lectors: M. Viskovic, R. Sambol
Eucharistic Ministers: N. Gasparovic
Servers: M. Viskovic
Sacristans: P. Mikesic, P. Hill

May 14, 2023-

Lectors: S. Taylor, M. Viskovic
Eucharistic Ministers: A. Kucenic
Servers: A. Garcia
Sacristans: B. Horvat

May 21, 2023-

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

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

	<u>Sat. 4/29/23</u>	<u>Sun. 4/30/23</u>
Envelopes:	410.00	1692.00
Loose:	125.00	124.00
Building Fund:	150.00	
Candles:	76.55	109.75
Poor Box:		10.00
Mother's Day	5.00	
Donations:		240.00
Mass Intentions:	50.00	



QR Code for Online Giving

Prayer Requests

George Fracul, Karen Novak, Maria Peresic, 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 **Altar Society** in the church basement after the **9am Mass on Sunday May 7th**. Please come and join the parish for fellowship and updates from other parishioners.

Food Kitchen

Food Kitchen date is for **May 8th**. 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 May 9th 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 May 10th starting at 11 am** in the church basement.

Mother's Day Breakfast

Once again **St. John's Catholic Club** will be having a Mother's Day breakfast. It will be after 9:00 am Mass on **May 14th**. Tickets are still only \$5.00 and available at the club at 913-371-9690 or contact **John Mikesic** at 913-669-3262. Hope to see you there!

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)

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!

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 sacraments, 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

Congratulations to Anne Elizabeth Schneider who graduated Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana on May 6, 2023 with Bachelor Degrees in Theatre, with a concentration in Theatre Creation, and, Media Studies, with a concentration in Video Production. She is also getting a Theatre minor in New Works for the Stage. Anne is the daughter of Chris & Cathy Schneider.



Summer and Fall registration is now open

Tennis (June 6-8) - Cross Country (Fall) - Flag Football (Fall) - Tackle Football (Fall) - Volleyball (Fall)

You can register at <https://cyojwa.org/current-programs>

If you have any questions, please reference our website <https://cyojwa.org/home> or contact your [parish DSM](#) (Director of Sports Ministry) at <https://cyojwa.org/content/20986/ADDSDM-Parish-contact>.



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>

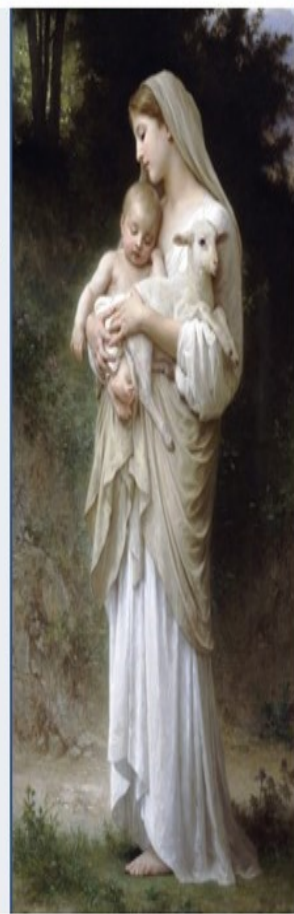
A Prayer for Mothers

Loving God, we thank you for all the mothers in the world.

Bless them so that they may always give life and nourishment to their children through their firm faith, generous and selfless love, good example and constant concern for their bodily and spiritual health. Grant that we, their children, may honor them always with a spirit of profound love, respect and thanksgiving.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



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.

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

Don't just read the Bible,
understand the Bible.

Join us for two presentations by Dr. Bill Creasy

Becoming an Educated Reader of Scripture
on May 19 from 7-8:15 pm.
Wine and Cheese social to follow.

A Portrait of King David
on May 20 in 3 sessions from 9-10:30 AM,
10:45-12 PM, lunch break from 12-1 PM (lunch
not provided), and 1:00-2:30 PM. Please feel
free to attend any or all sessions as your
schedule allows.

Curé of Ars Catholic Church
RSVP at cureofars.com/dr-bill-creasy-event



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.

Our current dance chairperson, **Rick Braun**, is retiring from the Festival Team, but will be available this year for advice and training. 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.

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, KS. 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.**

St. Isidore Feast Day: Mass and Blessing of Seeds and Soil Monday, May 15th at 10:00am

22131 Meagher Road - Easton, KS 66027 Join us for a day in honor of **St. Isidore, the patron saint of farmers**, on his feast day. The day will begin with Mass followed by a rosary procession to the Saint Isidore Shrine. Bring seeds and soil in a small, decorated basket to be placed at the altar for blessing. The day will end with lunch and a time of fellowship. A free-will offering will be taken up to support the center. To attend, send an email to: info@christspeace.com or call **913.773.8255** to let us know how many people will be attending.

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

May 1st - Create Beautiful Cards, 10:00 am - 11:00 am. Homemade cards say it all – with love. For Holidays and Family Occasions. All materials provided for free!

Mondays - Knitting & Crocheting Group, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm. No experience necessary, all materials provided!

May 2nd - Caregivers Support Group, 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm. A care group for those who give care. Taking care of those we love can be difficult. Support helps. Understanding helps.

May 3rd - Coping with Grief, 10:00 am - 11:00 am. A support group for men and women who have experienced any kind of loss. Also available via zoom.

May 3rd & 17th - Gospel of Non-Violence: Living the Way of Jesus, 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm. In a world where bullets enter homes and violence disrupts our neighborhoods; where the news seems to report more and more killings and war, come and experience the message of non-violence that has been preached by Jesus and wise people through the ages.

May 3rd - August 2nd - Money Smart Series, 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm. This series provides participants with unbiased practical knowledge, skills-building opportunities, and resources they can use to manage their finances with confidence. Come to the classes of your interest or come to all! Visit our website for the individual topics.

May 8th - Counted Cross Stitch Creations, 2:00 pm - 4:00 am. Learn how to cross stitch or simply bring any projects you need help with. All levels are welcome. This month making greeting cards, materials provided!!

May 9th & 23rd - Surviving Domestic Violence, 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm. Zoom only! Weekly Education and Support Group for Victims of Domestic Violence. In partnership with F.O.Y. /Joyce Williams Center. If you need assistance with domestic violence issues, call 913-321-0951 or the domestic violence hotline at 1-800-735-2966 for the hearing impaired call 1-800-380-3323. Para ayuda en español llame al 1-800-520-7309.

May 10th - Understanding Medicare, 10:00 am - 11:30 am by appointment! Get the most of your Medicare benefits! Come and receive unbiased information and assistance from a licensed professional. Come and get all your questions answered about Medicare and get help signing up for services or adjust to your current coverage plan.

May 10th - CRICUT Crafts, 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm. Join us for an afternoon of fun decorating your own creations.

May 11th - Holy Women: St. Josephine Bakhita, 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm. Come and learn more about this amazing woman who was enslaved as a child and later became a modern day saint.

May 16th - Women Embracing Aging, 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm. A support group for women who want to explore aging. Share your experiences, wisdoms, and unexplored changes aging is bringing into your life.

May 17th - Monthly Book Club, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm. ZOOM ONLY!! Book *Woman's Daughter* by Kim Michele Richardson.

May 18th - Legal Advice On Wills and Power of Attorney, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. By appointment. Free unbiased legal advice on estate law, Wills and Powers of Attorney.



**Center Closed
Monday,
May 29th!**



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May 18th - Immigrant Assistance, 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm. Free bilingual consultations with immigration lawyer. By appointment only.

May 22nd - Create A Grain Bowl, 10:00 am - 11:00 am. We'll supply the following: Healthy whole grain * Vegetables * Protein * Tasty sauce * Crunchy toppings. Have fun building your unique creation. Bring your favorite soup bowl!

May 24th - Faux Dessert Crafts, 10:00 am - 11:30 am. All materials provided! Join us for a morning of fun upcycling materials into works of art for your home.

May 30th - Mandala Rocks, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. Come and hear unbiased advice from experts who volunteer to educate and support families to make informed decisions about death-related services consistent with their values and lifestyles.

Spiritual Direction and Counseling by appointment only. Call (913) 689-9375 for an intake.



Croatian Open Golf Tournament is **May 19th**. If you golfed last year **April 15th** is the deadline to submit your team entry fee 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. Any questions please email me.

Sachenjoe@gmail.com

See below silent auction information that will also benefit this fundraiser.

For more information on the items for the silent auction see flyer in the back of vestibule of the church.

**ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC CLUB ANNUAL CROATIAN GOLF TOURNAMENT
SUNFLOWER HILLS GOLF COURSE, FRIDAY, MAY 19., 2023**

SILENT AUCTION

The Croatian Golf committee is sponsoring two Silent Auction Items to be awarded at the golf tournament Friday May 19th.

1. A complete Furnace and A/C, including installation. It is a brand new Goodman HVAC system. This is generously donated by Adam Golubski of Delta T Heating & Cooling, LLC.

This package is valued at \$9,000.00. (see attached flyer for more information, clarification and restrictions).

2. A 2020-21 KU autographed team basketball.

Information for these items for silent auction are located in the back of church in the vestibule.

Auction is opened to anyone, golfers and non-golfers. Minimum bid restrictions must be met. The most current bid will be posted on St. John's Club Facebook page.

For more information or to place your bids, email Joe Sachen at sachenjoe@gmail.com . Your bids will be placed in the order in which they are received in email. The auction ends on May 19th, 2:00 which is the end of the golf tournament.

As always, we appreciate your generosity and support.

Thank you.