



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

"If you love me,
keep my commands!"

-Jesus

Sixth Sunday of Easter ~ May 14, 2023 John 14: 15-21 John 14: 15

Parish Office:

708 N. 4th Street, Kansas City, KS 66101

Office: (913) 371-0627

Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am-5pm

Web: stjohnthebaptistcatholicchurch.com

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

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

The parishioners of St. John the Baptist would like to Congratulate the Confirmandis on receiving their sacrament of Confirmation.

Dean Ponjavic - May 7, 2023 - SJB

Daniel Ponjavic - May 7, 2023 - SJB

Tina Mandic-Markovic - May 7, 2023 - SJB

Sabrina Mandic-Markovic - May 7, 2023 - SJB

Abraham Garcia - May 10, 2023 - Christ the King



Keeping In Touch

This past week was a great week. The trip to and from Milwaukee for the National Workshop on Christian Unity went very well. While I was there, we had great meetings, times of prayer, and time for reconnecting with people we perhaps only see once a year. Not only do we connect with people that we know it is also a time to get to know new people. While it is always great to be together, it is always a time that reminds us all that there is much more work to be done to bring about the unity that God desires for us all. In fact, there may be times that it seems too much and beyond our ability. We must continue on though because it is God's work and desire.

While we were there, we learned that a former director of the USCCB office of Ecumenical and Inter-religious Affairs was diagnosed with an aggressive cancer. We prayed for him and remembered all that he had done while in office and since he handed it over to another. In fact, he just published a book on Ecumenism this year. Upon my return home I received word that he passed away that morning. He was a great priest and we shall miss him. May he rest in peace. In your charity, please say a prayer for the repose of the soul of this great priest - Fr John Crossin, OSFS.



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



Congratulations to **Mia Tomasic** who will be graduating this coming week with her Bachelors of Science in Nursing. She will begin working at Truman Medical Center in the ER in June. Mia is the daughter of *Matt and Julie Tomasic* and granddaughter of *Karolyn and Nick Tomasic*.

Congratulations to **Lucy Lally** who received her Bachelor of Science in Sports Management with a concentration in Collegiate, Professional or Corporate Sports Administration Saturday the 6th of May, from Sterling College (Sterling, KS.) Lucy is the daughter of *Carrie and Tom Lally* and the granddaughter of *Joanne Lally and Otto Kaifes*.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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

9am- Mike Suljak
Family Livojevic
Marica Black
Katherine Suljak

Thursday, May 18- **The Ascension of The Lord**

8am- Frank & Franklin Stimac
Mary Ann Mikesic
Carol Kaifes
Theresa Smith



Saturday May 20-

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

Sunday, May 21- Seventh Sunday of Easter

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

LITURGICAL MINISTRY MAY

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

	Sun. 5/7/23
Envelopes:	1136.00
Loose:	135.00
Building Fund:	970.00
Candles:	129.00
Poor Box:	15.00
Mother's Day	40.00
Ascension of The Lord:	40.00
Catholic Community Campaign:	20.00
Mass Intentions:	90.00

QR Code for Online Giving



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!

Prayer Requests

Pope Francis I, 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

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!

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.

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

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. Dancin'g, Music will be performed by *Hrvatski Običaj*, food will be Lamb/Ćevapi, beverages and more will be available! See you then!!

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Our Lady
of Fatima,
Pray for us!

Our Lady of
the Rosary,
Pray for us!

Immaculate
Heart of
Mary, Pray
for us!

Pray For
Us, O Holy
Mother of
God, That
We May
Be Made
Worthy
of the
Promises of
Christ.



Jesus said to his disciples: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept because it neither sees nor knows him. But you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him." - *John 14:15-21*



Always with you ...

Your Mother is always with you.

She's the whisper of the leaves as you walk down the street, she's the smell of certain foods you remember, flowers you pick and perfume that she wore, she's the cool hand on your brow when you're not feeling well, she's your breath in the air on a cold winter's day.

She is the sound of the rain that lulls you to sleep... the colors of a rainbow, she is Christmas morning.

Your Mother lives inside your laughter.
And she's crystallized in every teardrop.
A mother shows every emotion...happiness,
sadness, fear, jealousy, love, hate, anger,
helplessness, excitement, joy, sorrow...
and all the while, hoping and praying
you will only know the good feelings in life.

She's the place you came from, your first home, and she's the map you follow with every step you take.
She's your first love, your first friend, even your first enemy, but nothing on earth can separate you.

Author: Deborah R Culver

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Majčin
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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)

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

HelpOurMarriage.org
RETROUVAILLE
A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

The PARDON PRAYER

~ taught by the Angel of Peace
at Fatima to Lucia, Jacinta &
Francisco ~

MY GOD, I
believe, I
adore, I hope
and I love
Thee! I beg
pardon for all
those that do
not believe, do
not adore, do
not hope and
do not love
Thee.



Pray The HOLY ROSARY Daily
www.facebook.com

Baby Bottle
CAMPAIGN
FILL A BOTTLE,
CHANGE A LIFE



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 Dance, but will remain on the team and will be available 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.

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

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

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>.

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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>