



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

The Most Holy Trinity~

June 4, 2023 John 3:16-18

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

Parish Council

Altar Society

St. John's Club

Prayer Line

Richard Sambol

Don Taylor

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Ken Yarnevich

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God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

-John 3:16-18

Keeping In Touch

In our lives, there are things that occur at various intervals in our lives. Some of these things we really look forward to. In my life, one of the things that I really look forward to each year is the annual Priest Retreat.

Each year the priests of the Archdiocese gather together for a time of prayer, reflection, and fellowship. During the days of the retreat, we also have talks that are given to us to lead us in our prayer and reflection. This year the one who will be giving us the talk is Bishop Cozzens. He is the bishop that is in charge of the bishop's three-year initiative on Eucharistic Amazement. The talks that he will be giving to us will be centered on the Eucharist. As we know the Eucharist is the source and summit of our lives as followers of Jesus. So this is not only something that I am looking forward to, but very excited about.

As the priests gather this coming week for our retreat, I would ask for you to please pray for us that this time together will be a time of growing closer to one another but more importantly, as a time of growing closer to our Eucharistic Lord. Be assured of my prayers for all of you during this coming week.

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



Class of 2023!

The parishioners of St. John's would like to congratulate **Anna Mikesic** on her graduation from Johnson county community college school of dental hygiene. She will begin working at Swope Health in July! Anna is the daughter of Kristina and Rick Mikesic and granddaughter of Paula Mikesic.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, June 4- The Most Holy Trinity

9am- Joseph Schwab
Ivan Zeleznak
Sophia Kovac
James Markovich

Thursday, June 8- No Mass (Priest Retreat)

8am-

Saturday June 10-

4pm- Vigil Mass at St John the Baptist

St. John's and Holy Family parishioners

Sunday, June 11- The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

9am- Magda & Nikola Sesric
Sophia Kovacic
Mary & John Mikesic
Mirko & Marica Zeljeznjak

LITURGICAL MINISTRY JUNE

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

June 10-11, 2023-

Lectors: M. Garcia; M. Viskovic, S. Taylor

Eucharistic Ministers: N. Gasparovic; A. Kucenic

Servers: A. Garcia; none

Sacristans: J. Lally, C. Kolich; S. Sandelich, B. Horvat

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

	<u>Sun. 5/28/23</u>
Envelopes:	1427.00
Loose:	47.00
Building Fund:	550.00
Candles:	200.00
Poor Box:	2.00
Donations:	100.00

QR Code for Online Giving



Due to the Annual Archdiocesan Priest Retreat at Benedictine College the week of June 5-June 8, there will be **no** 8:00 a.m. Masses on Thursday, June 8 and on Friday, June 9.

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**

Altar Society Meeting on **June 11th** following Sunday Mass. We will discuss the Fathers Day Breakfast and Upcoming Festival Booths.

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. Dessert will be provided at the June meeting.

Altar Society is sponsoring Father's Day Breakfast, June 18 after 9 am Mass in auditorium.. \$5 ticket. Tickets can be purchased after Masses and at the door. This is a chance to reminisce memories about your father/stepfather whether living or deceased while eating a hearty breakfast.

CROATIAN DAY PICNIC

SATURDAY June 3rd After 4pm Mass

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.

2023 Croatian Festival News

The 50/50 Raffle forms – Mini and Maxi - are now available in the back of the church.

In the Mini Raffle, a winner will receive \$2,500 and the church will earn \$2,500 if 50 tickets are sold. Additional winners will be drawn if more than 50 tickets are sold.

For the Maxi Raffle, if 100 tickets are sold, the winner and the church each receive \$5,000. And more winners will be drawn if we sell more than 100 tickets.

Remember, you can't win if you don't play!

The 2023 Croatian Festival will be *Saturday, Aug. 19*, on the church grounds. Festival forms for sponsorships, Croatian Dinner tickets, T-shirt orders, the money raffle and Strawberry Basket tickets will be available next week.

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.

St. Mary - St. Anthony Parish

615 N. 7th St., KC, KS is hosting their annual summer social, the **"Ethnic Festival"** on *Sat., June 17 from 5-8:30p.m.* in the Bishop Forst Parish Hall, located in the COOL and COM-FORTABLE Church basement - no fighting the heat! We are having a 50/50 pot raffle, featuring a potential grand prize of \$1,250 and a general festival raffle with a \$750 grand prize! We will also have: German, American, and Hispanic food (to-go orders available), a DJ, a variety of games and prize wheels - including the always popular salami, beer, and homemade povitica wheel, a silent auction, a loteria bingo game booth, and a bounce house for the kids. We hope to see you on June 17!

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!

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

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.

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

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

Catholic Planned Giving Brief Do you know what will happen to your property and assets if you don't make your wishes known? The state will decide the order of priority in which your heirs will receive your property. What the state prioritizes may not reflect your wishes and values. State, in writing, now, how and when you would like your heirs and charity to receive what may be left of your property, money, or investments when you die. To learn if a will, trust, or other document is best for your level of property and asset values, Email **Terri Lynn**, Associate Director, in the Office of Stewardship and Development at tlynn@archkck.org, or call 913-647-0365 to discuss the options.

KANSAS CITY'S SLAVIC HERITAGE CELEBRATION – FUN FAMILY EVENT

36th Annual Sugar Creek Slavic Festival – Friday, June 9 & Saturday, June 10, 2023

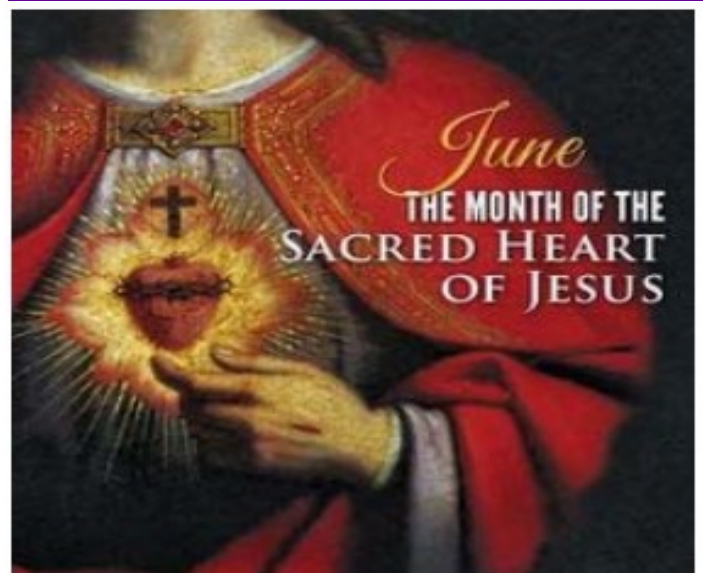
12 GREAT REASONS TO GO TO SLAVIC FEST

Traditional Food: Sarma, Kielbasa, pierogi, goulash, haluski, povitica and kolache to kiefies. 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... www.slavicfest.com or Mark O'Renck | hello@slavicfest.com | 816.809.4533



Baby Bottle Boomerang

The **Altar Society** will be collecting baby bottles for the Wyandotte Pregnancy Clinic. 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.



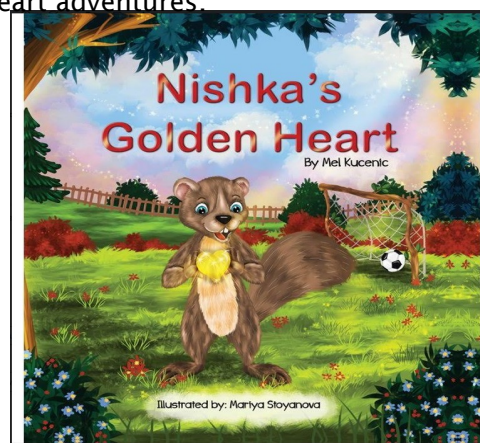
Nishka's Golden Heart: The Best New Children's Book of 2023! It is for 3 months to 12 years old, or for all the young at heart!

Nishka's Golden Heart is a children's book I wrote, and my story is in honor of my father, **Nick Kucenic**, who was a Croatian immigrant that called KCK his home. He influenced my life immensely, and my hope is this book honors what a great man he was. If successful, I'm hoping to follow-up with future Nishka books based upon his strong values. Pre-sales are available on Amazon and Barnes and Noble and other websites! But the official release date is *June 13th*. A heart of gold means more than you know. One small act of kindness can affect many. Join a little pine marten on his journey to create a winning soccer team. See how far his bigger - than - life heart will go.

About the Author

Mel Kucenic, a new author, shares beautiful memories of her dad through *Nishka's Golden Heart*. She lost her dad when she was almost 21 years old. The bond between the two was one-of-a-kind, and his loss left a huge hole in her heart. He immigrated from Croatia in 1968, and his Croatian roots have always run deep in her life. She has so many fond memories of her father, but she also collected memories from family and friends. She had intended on writing a book using those memories in honor of her father. The pen and paper never made it to press, though. She struggled for several years, then one day she felt an inspiration to take her dad's strengths, love of life, generosity and kindness to make a children's book. The result is *Nishka's Golden Heart*. Mel hopes *Nishka's* joy and strengths touch the hearts of the parents and children who read about him. Her goal is to continue to grow the Nishka series with more golden heart adventures.

Please grab your copy, and share this news with your friends and family!



SUMMER DATE NIGHT FOR MARRIED COUPLES @ NELSON MUSEUM (& SHAKESPEARE IN PARK) HOSTED BY SCHOOL OF LOVE

All married Catholic couples are invited to a city-wide Date Night event at the Nelson-Atkins Museum hosted by School of Love on Friday, June 23rd. The event will be followed by Museum Tours and Shakespeare in the Park. Date Night is School of Love's beloved signature live event. It's low key but classy, fun but important. And it has welcomed hundreds of KC couples of all ages over the past decade. And now it's traveling to great venues around the city. (Date Night is a Free event!) Find out more at: www.schoolofloveusa.com/date-night

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

9th Annual Pitching for Priests Softball Game Summer Classic!

Priests from Kansas City-St. Joseph VS. Priests from the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas Friday, July 7th at 7:00 PM Tailgating will begin at 4:00 pm KC Monarchs Stadium (old T-bones Stadium) - Legends Field Ballpark 1800 Village West Pkwy, Kansas City, KS 66111 Tickets online at catholicradio.com



LUNCH AND LEARN: Blending Tax Reducing Strategies with Gift Planning

Anyone can increase their giving now, or at death, with the tools that will be covered in this workshop. Sponsored by **St. Patrick's parish**, 1086 N. 94th St., Kansas City, Kansas 66112, for the faithful attending Kansas City, Kansas parishes.

Wednesday, June 14, 1 pm - 2:30 pm, in the parish hall. Check-in 12:30 pm - 1:00 pm.

Bill Eckert, a Chartered Advisor in Philanthropy, will cover how to maximize your financial resources through tax savings and/or creating income for yourself, heirs, or charity, so you can make an impact for your favorite charity. RSVP at archkck.org/gift-planning-event or 913-647-0365, or plannedgiving@archkck.org.

The Catholic Foundation of Northeast Kansas will also be present to answer questions.

Cursillo Grand Reunion & Celebration



SAVE THE DATE

Saturday · July 8th



4th Day Members
& Family



cursillo.net

HIGHLIGHTS

- 4:30pm Mass w/ Bishop Johnston, Fr. McCaffery, & Dcn. McMenemy
- 5:45pm Dinner Prayer & Meal
- 6:20pm Masters of Ceremonies, Lay Director Scott Ready
- Cursillo History in Kansas City & Surrounding Diocese by James Newkirk
- Cursillo Movement Reflections by Deacon Justin McMenemy
- The Prodigal Son Meditation by Deacon Shane Voyles
- Bishop Johnston's Reflections

Sign-up: signupgenius.com/go/30E0845AAA92DA3FD0-cursillo



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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.



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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**



DEFENDERS OF LIFE

youth leadership camp

St. Pope John Paul II, pray for us

Jun 26-28 10am-5pm
Church of the Nativity
Youth Room -Entrance just
west of school gym entrance
3800 W 119th St. Leawood KS



Are you feeling called to defend
the lives of the unborn and
those who are vulnerable?



Want to help build a culture
that cherishes & values all
life?



THEN JOIN US FOR THE DEFENDERS OF LIFE YOUTH LEADERSHIP CAMP!

This 3-day experience will be packed with **fun, facts, food & friendship** while we equip and empower you with tools and knowledge to defend life. Each day will consist of a mix of interactive presentations, activities, service, and prayer opportunities. Hear from our amazing seminarians, people who have experienced tough life issues first hand, and those who have dedicated their lives to serving people in need. Leave with greater confidence and a fun and engaging plan to share the beauty of the Gospel of Life in your school or youth group next year. **Registration is \$30.**



Day 1 Topic:

Defending Life at Conception and Serving Women in Need
Serve at St. Mary's Home for Mothers



Day 2 Topic:

Defending human dignity and those who are vulnerable
Serve at a picnic for kids with special needs



Day 3 Topic:

Protecting our elderly & end-of-life issues
Serve at a senior-living residence



"You are called to **STAND** up for life! To **RESPECT** and **DEFEND**
the mystery of life always and everywhere..." -St. John Paul II



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