



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

The Parable of the Sower

15th Sunday in Ordinary time - July 16, 2023 - Matthew 13:1-23

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

Mr. Stuart Taylor, Music Director

Mrs. Wendy Christ, Administrative Assistant

Mass Schedule:

Saturday at 4 pm

(at Holy Family in July)

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

In Memoriam



Enzina Reynolds

June 29, 1936 ~

July 8, 2023

Kansas City



Enzina Lettieri Reynolds, 87, died July 8, 2023, in Kansas City, Kansas, surrounded by her loving family. She was born June 29, 1936, in Naples, Italy, where she lived with her family by the seaside. In the late 1950s, she found great happiness when an American sailor, Walter Reynolds, visited Naples. They married and were together for 64½ years. After Walter's naval service in 1959, Enzina sailed to the U.S. and settled in his hometown of Kansas City, Kansas. They lived on historic Strawberry Hill and joined St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. It was at St. John's that she felt welcome and made many beautiful friendships that would last for decades. Enzina's husband and four children were the center of her life. She was active at St. John's School where her children attended, serving as room mother, Cub Scout leader and working with the PTO. She later got a job in the school cafeteria there and became a mom to all of the school's children. She was an excellent cook and known for making authentic lasagna. Her skills led her to a position as cook in the central kitchen of Kansas City, Kansas, Public Schools. Throughout her life, Enzina served her church activities through the Altar Society, St. John's Seniors and the Croatian Festival; and volunteered with the Sister Servants of Mary. The family enjoyed camping and traveling. Survivors include her loving husband, Walter; daughters Anna Reynolds and Kathy Reynolds; son Walter Reynolds; grandchildren Christopher Reynolds, Nicole Bejan, Davienne Bejan and Meagan Reynolds; and great-granddaughter, Amelia Reynolds. She is preceded in death by her parents, Armando and Immacolata Lettieri; sister Anna Maria Lettieri; brothers Antonio De Litto and Johnny Lettieri; and her daughter Imma Reynolds. Funeral Services were held Thursday July 13th, beginning with Visitation from 9-10AM, Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00AM at St. John the Baptist, 708 N. 4th, KCKS with entombment following at Gate of Heaven, KCKS.

Keeping In Touch

Will return in a couple weeks.
We wish Fr. Joseph a restful vacation.



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St Mary Magdalene

Feast Day
July 22



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, July 16-

9am- Dianna & Frank Stimac
Katie & George Kucenic
Novica Nikolic
Barbara Hotujac

Thursday, July 20-

8am- Lily Rendulic
James Markovich
Marica Dukovic
Eleanor Modrcin

Saturday July 22- St. Mary Magdalene

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



Sunday, July 23-

9am- Ivan & Ana Brajkovic
Frank, George, Jim Brajkovic
Bob Braun Sr.
Louis Reimers

LITURGICAL MINISTRY FOR JULY

July 16, 2023-

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

July 23, 2023-

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

July 30, 2023-

Lectors: M. Piskuric, R. Sambol
Eucharistic Ministers: N. Gasparovic
Servers: A. Garcia
Sacristans: B. Horvat

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Sun. 07/9/23

Envelopes:	1793.80
Loose:	116.00
Building Fund:	135.00
Candles:	156.00
Poor Box:	17.00
Mass Intentions:	10.00

QR Code for Online Giving



Prayer Requests

Pope Francis I, Dianna L. Stimac, George Fracul, Karen Novak, Ana Piskuric, 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

The Special Needs Ministry for the Archdiocese is holding its **Totus Tuus** week at **Queen of the Holy Rosary** in Overland Park **July 17-21**. Ages 6+ are invited to join us as well as all siblings that are 6 years old and above. Cost is \$40 per person or \$60 per family. Volunteers are also needed for the week. Those interested in signing up to participate can do so at <https://archkck.org/special-needs/home/> Please contact **Josh Ruoff** in the special needs ministry office at (913)647-3054 or by email: jruoff@archkck.org if you have any questions or would like to volunteer.

50th Anniversary Celebration

Christ's Peace House of Prayer

22131 Meagher Road - Easton, KS

Saturday, August 19th at 8:30am - 4:00pm

Christ's Peace is celebrating 50 years of offering an opportunity to meet our Lord through silence, creation, prayer and retreat. To commemorate this milestone, **Archbishop Naumann** will be with us to celebrate Mass. Lunch will be provided with plenty of opportunity to enjoy and tour this wonderful property. Come and celebrate our five decades of serving the spiritual needs of the Archdiocese. Join us for all or part of the day. To attend, fill out the RSVP form at ChristsPeace.com or call 913-773-8255.

8:30am-9:30am: Welcome

9:30am-10:45am: Mass with **Archbishop Naumann**

11:00am-12:30pm: Lunch Provided / Fellowship

12:30pm-1:00pm: Holy Family Rosary with **Troy**

Hinkel

1:00pm-2:00pm: Meditative Walking Tour of Shrines

1:00pm-3:00pm: Tour of Cabins / Explore the Grounds

3:00pm: Adoration

4:00pm: Evening Prayer

4:30pm: Conclusion of Celebration

Now hiring! Catholic schools across the Archdiocese are still hiring for the 2023-2024 school year. Fulltime and part-time positions are available for teachers, counselors, paraprofessionals, teacher aides, instructional coordinators, substitutes, and more. Are you a new graduate? Retired teacher? A public school teacher eager for a faith-filled environment? Have a passion for Catholic education? Apply online at archkckcs.org/apply. For a full listing of all positions please visit archkckcs.org/job-board.





St. John the Baptist Catholic Church 2023 Croatian Festival News



Thanks to everyone who has ordered in advance by sending in forms or paying online.

- T-shirts ordered by July 1 are now ready for pick-up and shipping. We now have the rest of our order of T- shirts for purchase at the parish office or online.
- Our sponsorship total is now \$19,000 – thank you sponsors! If you would like to be included on the festival banner, the deadline is July 31.
- 50/50 raffles.....We have 148 entries. Remember half the money that comes in goes out in prizes so the more entries the bigger the payout!
- Those who made advance reservations for Croatian dinners can pick up tickets on festival night at the Ticket Booth near the auditorium door. We suggest buying in advance to save you time, but tickets will be available at the door.

WE STILL NEED YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS OF PRIZES FOR THE KIDS' AREA – TOYS, GAMES, SNACKS AND 2-LITER BOTTLES OF POP.

The Strawberry Basket is filling up – but we can use donations of all things strawberry, Strawberry Hill, St. John's and Croatian.



BISHOP WARD
HIGH SCHOOL

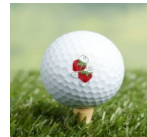
Class of 1978—45 Year Class Reunion

Saturday, September 23, 2023
Nigro Barn - 2940 South 59th Street
Kansas City, Kansas 66103
6PM to 10PM

Catering by Sutera's Beer & Wine Provided
\$25 Per Person

For more information call or text
Melissa Anzek Wiber 913-226-0590

STRAWBERRY HILL **Altar Societies** GOLF TOURNAMENT



- OCT 2ND- 2023-



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.

Needed /For Sale

Jewelry Needed!

Please save all jewelry you no longer want or use and donate to **Karolyn Tomasic** to remake items to resell. All proceeds will benefit our 3 churches here on Strawberry Hill. Contact 913-371-8075.

Best Choice labels

Best Choice labels continue to be collected.
A box is in the vestibule for you to drop off!

Trash Bags for Sale

We now have trash bags for sale in the rectory. Yellow bags are 39 gal 25/roll, white bags are 15 gal 65/roll, and the blue bags are 55 gal 16/roll, cost per roll is \$12.00. Please stop by the church office during business hours of 8:30am-5pm to get yours! All proceeds will support our Parish. Thank you.



"No Marriage is Beyond Hope!" Now taking reservations for Retrouvaille's Marriage Enrichment Weekend in Kansas City! September 1st-3rd

Register today at www.retrokc.com Registration closes August 29th

Retrouvaille is a lifeline for marriages.....a program to help couples heal and renew their hurting marriages. The Retrouvaille Program is for Married Couples Facing Difficult Challenges in their Relationship A Marriage program that helps couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. A Christian marriage program, Catholic in origin, where couples of all faiths or no faith background are encouraged to attend. Primarily a practical program to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. Presenters are not trained marriage counselors, but rather couples sharing their personal stories of marital struggles and the tools they used to rediscover their love.

*A child's
shoulders were
not built to
bear the
weight of their
parent's
choices*

Taking reservations now for KC
weekend
Sept 1-3
www.retrokc.com
www.helpourmarriage.org
Local phone 1 800 470 2230



**NO marriage is beyond hope.
A lifeline for your marriage.**

RETROUVAILLE



VILLA ST. FRANCIS
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY HEALTH

Join us for the first annual

**VILLA FALL
BALL**

A Benefit for Villa St. Francis

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2023
FIGIELLA'S EVENT CENTER - OVERLAND PARK, KANSAS

LEARN MORE & REGISTER AT
VILLASF.ORG/FALLBALL

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**CHRIST THE KING
PRO LIFE PRAYER VIGIL**

ADORATION 7PM-8AM

- Intercession
- Reparation
- Communion



**FRIDAY BEFORE THIRD SATURDAY
OF EACH MONTH**

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Sips for Scholarships
RESURRECTION CATHOLIC SCHOOL





**Raising Funds for
Need-Based Scholarships**

July 30, 2023 | 5-8 PM
Boulevard Brewery
2501 Southwest Boulevard
Kansas City, MO 64108

\$60 tickets
available at
rcskck.org or by
mailing payment
to the school.

97% of
students
rely on
scholarships
to attend RCS.

**SCOTT & KIMBERLY
HAHN**

Study Scripture from the heart of the Church and
dive deeper into the riches of the Catholic faith




DATE
Saturday, August 12
8:15 AM - 11:55 AM

LOCATION
St. Michael the Archangel
Catholic Parish
14251 Nall Ave
Overland Park, KS 66223

PRICE
\$25

REGISTER NOW!
stpaulcenter.com/overlandpark2023

