



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it.

Matthew 13:45

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 30 2023 Matthew 13:44-52



Parish Office:

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

Office: (913) 371-0627

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

Web: stjohnthebaptistcatholicchurch.com

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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 St. John the Baptist in August)

Sunday at 9 am

Thursday at 8 am

Parish Ministries:

Finance Council Richard Sambol

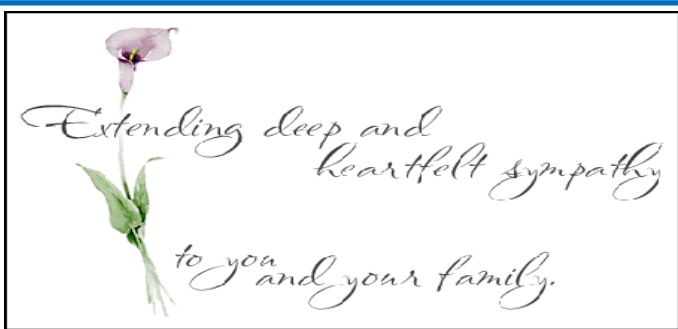
Parish Council Don Taylor

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 give our sincere condolences to **Helen Skradski** (Richard) & the Gray family on the recent loss of her brother, **George H. Gray Jr.**, who passed away on **July 25, 2023**.

"Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

Amen."

Feast of St. John Vianney

Born: 1786

Died: August 4, 1859

Canonized: 1925 by Pope Pius XI

Feast Day: August 4

Patron Saint of: parish priests



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Keeping In Touch

I am home just in time to leave. Yes you read that correctly. I have returned from visiting my family and it was a wonderful visit! I am grateful for your prayers and assure you that you were remembered in mine. You may have heard that there was severe weather in Nova Scotia that caused some major flooding. This was not in the area where I am from and so while we did have a lot of rain at that time it was not as much as where the flooding took place. While I am grateful that the worst of the storm bypassed us, I invite you to join me in prayer for all of those who were affected by it.

This coming week I will be in La Crosse, Wisconsin for some Canon Law meetings. This is an annual conference that takes place at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe which brings together both Canon lawyers and Civil lawyers. This years topics look interesting and challenging and so I expect this to be a beneficial time with great learning that will assist in my work as a Canon lawyer. It will also be a time where I'll get to see some people who I only get to see only once a year. As always, I ask that you to pray for me and be assured that I pray for you. See you next weekend!

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



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, July 30-

9am- Stjepan & Ana Jagodic
Miho & Ana Cavlovic
Ivan Zeleznak
Franje & Zdenka Calovic

Thursday, August 3-

8am- Eleanor Modrcin
John Francis Novak
Agnes Grosdidier
Enzina Reynolds

Saturday August 5-

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

Sunday, August 6-

9am- Mike Suljak
Katherine Suljak
Marica Black
Steve & Cena Cavlovic

LITURGICAL MINISTRY FOR JULY-AUG

July 30, 2023-

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

August 5-6 2023-

Lectors: G. Garcia ; M. Viskovic, P. Mikesic
Eucharistic Ministers: M. Garcia ; A. Kucenic
Servers: A. Garcia ; M. Viskovic
Sacristans: K. Grisnik, E. Grisnik ; P. Mikesic, P. Hill

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

	<u>Sun. 07/23/23</u>
Envelopes:	2111.80
Loose:	143.00
Building Fund:	442.00
Candles:	70.50
Poor Box:	10.00
Mass Intentions:	20.00
In Memory of:	
(Agnes Grosdider)	50.00
(Enzina Reynolds)	25.00

QR Code for Online Giving



Prayer Requests

Pope Francis I, Katherine Novak, Dianna Stimac, Harold McClain, Irene Delich, 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

Altar Society Meeting

Will be on **July 30th** following 9:00 AM Mass. The meeting will be focused on the Social and will be short. I would like to encourage all of our wonderful women to attend as we prepare for a successful Social.

Coffee and Donut Sunday

The event will be hosted by the **Parish Counsel** in the church basement after the **9am Mass on Sunday August 6th**. Please come and join the parish for fellowship and updates from other parishioners.

St. Bernadette's Circle

Members of the circle are invited to come to the meeting on **Tuesday August 8th 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.

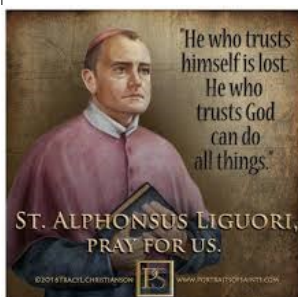
Monthly Senior Luncheon

Senior meeting and lunch will be served. Bring a friend and come join us for fellowship, with bingo and prizes on **Wednesday August 9th starting at 11 am** in the church basement.

Food Kitchen

Food Kitchen date is for **August 14th**. 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 desserts 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.

Scott and Kimberly Hahn will be coming to Overland Park on **August 12, 2023** and are speaking at **St. Michael the Archangel** in Leawood. The day will begin with Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 8:15 a.m. and talks immediately to follow until 11:55am. Tickets are \$25.





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 \$39,550 – thank you sponsors! If you would like to be included on the festival banner, the deadline is July 31.
- 50/50 raffles....We have 172 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. **116 BOTTLES OF POP STILL NEEDED!**

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



BISHOP WARD
HIGH SCHOOL

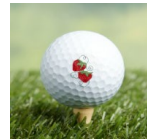
Class of 1978—45 Year Class Reunion

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.

We are in need of homemade or store bought desserts for the festival dinner. Please deliver your goodies on August 18 between 9am-12. Place desserts in the gym on the stage floor. The desserts need to be in a disposable pan and non refrigerated since there is no room for storage. .



Upcoming Events

Wills and Trusts Workshop

Lunch and Learn Event

Free Event

Wednesday, August 23, 2023

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

St. Patrick Parish Center

1086 N. 94th St.

Kansas City, Kansas 66112

Begin the afternoon with 12:15 Mass (optional) with Celebrant, **Fr. Mark Mertes**, then check in at the Parish Center. Opening Prayer with **Fr. Mertes**, a presentation by **Laura Haeusser** on "Legacy of Faith" and lunch with **Casey Connealy's** presentation beginning at 1:30 pm.

RSVP online: <https://www.cfnek.org/events/wills-and-trusts> or to jschmitt@archkck.org or 913-647-3060.

Save the Date! September 22-24, 2023 -Plan to attend the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter.

"It was amazing! The most fruitful weekend my wife and I have ever had. Do whatever it takes a schedule yours now!" Bruce R. The weekend will be held at the **Savior Pastoral Center** in Kansas City, Kansas. For more information, or to register for the encounter, visit www.wwme.org.

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.



As we mark the one-year anniversary of last summer's amendment vote, we can show the pro-life movement in Kansas is ready to help women facing unexpected pregnancies, now more than ever.

We've partnered with 18 different pregnancy resource centers (PRCs) across the state for "**Women and Babies Wednesday -- August 2nd Day of Service!**"

Are you ready to make a difference?

Here's how it works:

- 18 different PRCs have registered projects at their center and would love your help on **August 2nd**.
- Let us know you'd like to volunteer at a center by completing [this form](#). You will select the PRC you want to volunteer at.
- As we get closer to August 2nd, you will receive project details from the PRC you've selected on the form above. You'll learn details about time to arrive, what to bring, etc.

The pro-life movement in Kansas will be encouraged by seeing the good being done across the state. Feel free to share photos on social media and tag them with **#WomenAndBabiesWednesday!**

Together, we'll use this particular day to boldly work together for life. By our actions, we can offer a clear reminder that we will never abandon women and babies to the abortion industry.

We look forward to continuing to partner with you as we work together to protect life! Questions? Please contact lucrecia@kansascatholic.org or kfl@kfl.org

Along with the web link to the form can be found here: [Volunteer for Aug. 2, "Women and Babies Wednesday" - Day of Service \(office.com\)](#)



LIFE-GIVING Wounds

HEALING RETREAT FOR ADULT CHILDREN

of divorced, separated or never-married parents

**JANUARY 12-14, 2024
KANSAS CITY, KS**

at Savior Pastoral Center

\$150 (Commuting)
\$250 (Single room)
\$220 (Double room)

Limited scholarships available for residents of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas.

HEALING
The Life-Giving Wounds retreat gave me space to grieve and be understood in this wound. It also gave me tools that integrate humanity and spirituality to lead me to forgiveness and healing. ~ Kevin

SPACE
This retreat was a beautiful, intentional space to be seen and heard without judgment, in all my messiness. ~ Maggie

INSIGHT
So many "aha!" moments, especially in unpacking this wound with the sacraments. ~ Anonymous

FREEDOM
Learning about this basic, fundamental loss that was known but never understood gave me freedom from unhealthy patterns of behavior I didn't even know I was doing. ~ Anonymous

SPACE IS LIMITED. REGISTER TODAY!

This peer-led weekend includes insightful talks, optional small group and one-on-one discussion, Eucharistic adoration, Mass and the opportunity for Reconciliation.

Life-draining wounds can become a **LIFE-GIVING MISSION.**

archkck.org/LGW @ bdupont@archkck.org OFFICE OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

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.



BUILDING A CIVILIZATION OF LOVE

Official Family Newsletter of the Archdiocese of KCK

CHECK OUT OUR NEWSLETTER!

The My House Workshop for Men is a 3-day confidential, intensive for men striving to overcome and heal from unwanted sexual behaviors. It is geared to maximize your investment of time and money, as it will enhance the work you might have started or jump start your journey towards healing.

When: August 17, 2023 7am to August 19, 2023 3pm

Where: **Savior Pastoral Center** 12601 Parallel Pkwy Kansas City, KS 66109

Register at <https://centerforhealingkc.com/my-house/my-house-workshop>

The intensive includes a whole person approach from modern neuroscience to the emotional and spiritual underpinnings of compulsive sexual behaviors. The education and small group discussion are led by top Catholic and Christian experts including Dr. Todd Bowman, Associate Professor of Counseling at Indiana Wesleyan University and adjunct faculty for the SATP at Mid America Nazarene University, Fr. Sean Kilcawley, international speaker on Theology of the Body and Director of the Office of Family Life at the Diocese of Lincoln, NE, and Michael Ciacio MS, LPC, SATP, founder of the Center for Healing LLC and therapist for the Missouri My House Initiative.



Fifteenth Annual

SLOVENEFEST 2023

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Celebrating over 115 years of Slovenian Culture on Strawberry Hill

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH

274 Orchard Street, Kansas City, Kansas 66101

HOLY MASS: 4:00 p.m. FESTIVITIES: 5-10:00 p.m.

Festivities at Msgr. Mejak Hall, Gym, & School Grounds, 513 Ohio, KCK

TRADITIONAL SLOVENIAN DINNER • MINI SILENT AUCTION • MEGA MONEY RAFFLE • CHILDREN & ADULT GAMES • CULTURAL BOOTH & SOUVENIRS

MUSIC & DANCING FEATURING:

The Brian McCarty Band & Hrvatski Običaj

For more information, visit our website at www.holyfamilychurchkck.org, find us on Facebook or contact the church office at 913-413-0022.

All proceeds to benefit Holy Family Church.



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