



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

The Transfiguration of The Lord -

August 6, 2023 Matthew 17:1-9

Parish Office:

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

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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

Parish Council

Altar Society

St. John's Club

Richard Sambol

Don Taylor

Kelly Moutray

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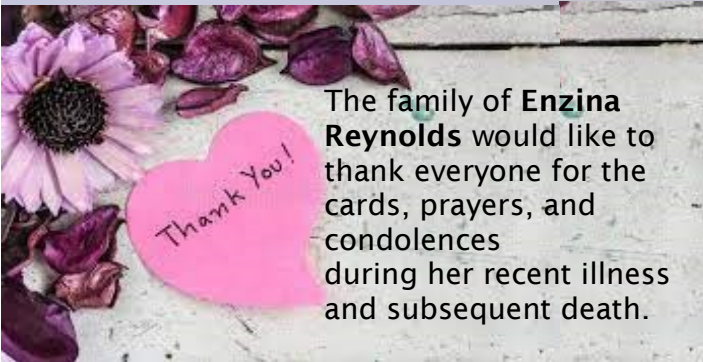
Prayer Line

Keeping In Touch

I write this to you as I am getting ready to head home from LaCrosse, WI. The canon law meetings have been wonderful and it has been great seeing fellow canonists and civil lawyers that I have not seen since last year. It has also been wonderful to meet some new ones. With learning and fellowship for this year's conference complete, we are all heading home and already look forward to next year.

As I was considering what to write about this week, I thought of some of the experiences that I had when travelling to Canada this year. I thought it might be interesting for you to get a glimpse into what can happen when you travel as a priest these days. The first thing that happened was that I had a long layover in an airport and decided to get a smoothie. As I was in the lineup a couple of us entered into a conversation which started about delays and travelling in bad weather and in the midst of this conversation one person said that they were taking this as a sign that they had to get to confession. They had been feeling like they needed to but had been putting it off. I said that we could take care of that right now. We found a quite spot in across from the smoothie store and I heard their confession. The next experience was a little different. When I arrived at the Canadian border I went through the expedited line as I have NEXUS. Usually this is a very quick process. When I presented my printout to the Custom Agent he began asking questions and the same questions over and over again. At one point he asked if I had any electronics with me. I responded that I did. He continued asking the same questions he had asked before. Finally, he gave me my paper so that I could get my luggage. I knew, however, that this was not the end. Sure enough I was pulled aside for further inspection. You may wonder why Because I was priest is the answer and he thought that he might catch me with something on my electronics. The Agent that did the inspection was nicer and of course everything was fine. Travelling as a priest today you never know what you will encounter and often you find yourself going from ministry encounters to great suspicion!

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



The family of **Enzina Reynolds** would like to thank everyone for the cards, prayers, and condolences during her recent illness and subsequent death.

The parishioners of St. John's would like to say "Hvala" to George & Betty Dragush for the wonderful veggies they continue to bring to share! God Bless you.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, August 6-

The Transfiguration of The Lord

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

Thursday, August 10- St. Lawrence

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

Saturday August 12-

4pm- Vigil Mass at St. John the Baptist

St. John's and Holy Family
parishioners

Sunday, August 13-

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

LITURGICAL MINISTRY FOR AUGUST

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. Hil

August 12-13 2023-

Lectors: L. Worner ; C. Schneider
Eucharistic Ministers: R. Worner ; N. Gasparovic
Servers: A. Morrow ; A. Garcia
Sacristans: J. Lally, C. Kolich ; H. Rebeck, W. Christ

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

	<u>Sun. 07/30/23</u>
Envelopes:	2515.80
Loose:	143.00
Building Fund:	720.00
Candles:	142.00
Poor Box:	13.00
Assumption of Mary:	20.00
Leaven:	23.00

QR Code for Online Giving



Prayer Requests

Pope Francis I, Barbara Turley, Susanna Laundy, Kenny Yarnevich, 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

Coffee and Donut Sunday

The event will be hosted by the **Parish Council** 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

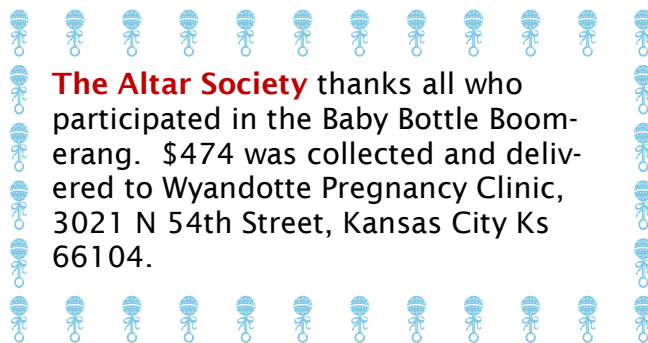
Senior meeting and lunch will be served. Bring a friend and come join us for fellowship, with bingo and prizes on **Wednesday August 9th starting at 11 am** in the church basement.

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.

Croatian American Social Club 2nd Annual Members Picnic

The 2nd Annual members picnic is
August 27, 2023 at 1:00 pm at
Wyandotte County Park (Shelter D)
Denny Tokic 913-488-9976



The Altar Society thanks all who participated in the Baby Bottle Boom-erang. \$474 was collected and delivered to Wyandotte Pregnancy Clinic, 3021 N 54th Street, Kansas City Ks 66104.

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.

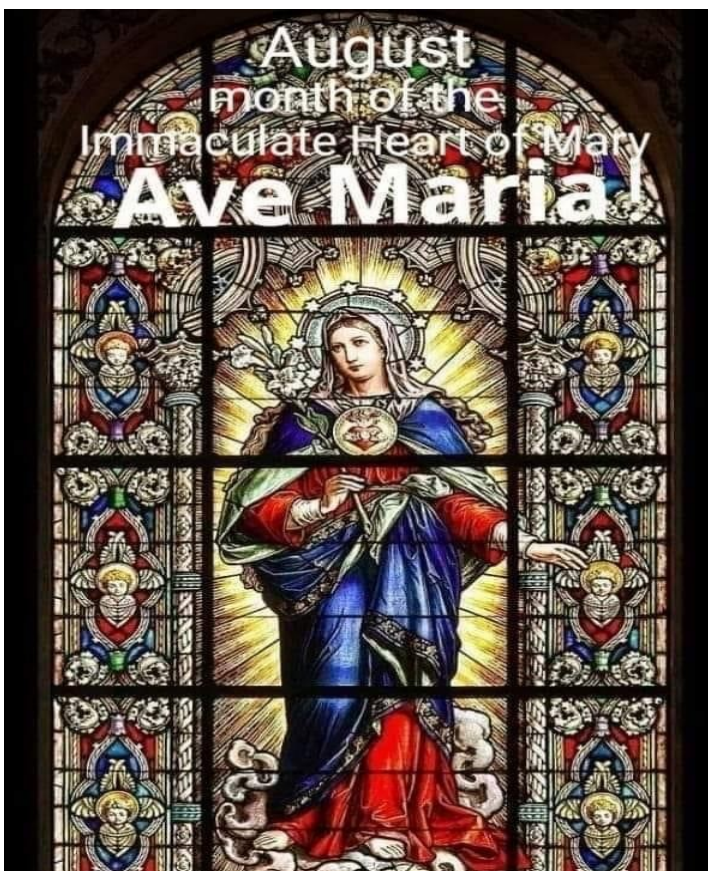
No Marriage is Beyond Hope!" Now taking reservations for Retrouvaille's Marriage Enrichment Weekend in Kansas City! September 1st-3rd Register today at www.retrokc.com **Registration closes August 29th** Retrouvaille is a lifeline for marriages.....a program to help couples heal and renew their hurting 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

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A lifeline for your marriage.

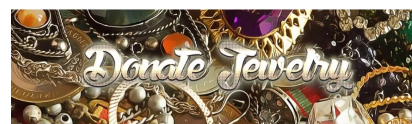
RETRouvaille



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



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.



Parish Fundraiser

Our Lady of Unity

UNITY FEST

Saturday, August 26, 2023

11 AM - 9 PM

2646 S. 34th St. KCK 66103

Mini Soccer Tournament

For all categories
Registration: 8 AM
Start: 9 AM

Call:
Oscar Solis 913-660-6244
or Pablo Gonzales
913-706-7629
for more information

Folklorico
Dances

Food

Games

Music

Bounce
Houses

Talent
Show

For more information please call: Sherry Johnson 913-207-0900



Fifteenth Annual

SLOVENEFESE 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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An Encounter ~ Come and See for Yourself



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Kansas City - St. Joseph Missouri Diocese

Upcoming Weekends

Men: September 21-24, 2023

Women: October 12-15, 2023

Location: Savior Pastoral Center

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jnewkirk65@gmail.com

James Newkirk 816.807.7700
james@ultreya.biz

Make a Friend

Be a Friend

Bring a Friend to Christ



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 183 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. **94 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**

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. .

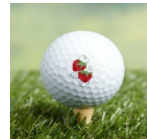


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STRAWBERRY HILL **Altar Societies** GOLF TOURNAMENT



- 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.

