



# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

## Parable of the 2 Sons

Matthew 21:28-32

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time- October 1, 2023 Matthew 21: 28-32

### Parish Office:

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

Office: (913) 371-0627

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

Web: [stjohnthebaptistcatholicchurch.com](http://stjohnthebaptistcatholicchurch.com)

Email: [ourcroatianparish@gmail.com](mailto: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

Mrs. Wendy Christ, Administrative Assistant

### Mass Schedule:

Saturday at 4 pm

(at St. John the Baptist in October)

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

**J**esus said to the chief priests and elders of the people:  
"What is your opinion?  
A man had two sons.  
He came to the first and said,  
'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.'  
He said in reply, 'I will not,'  
but afterwards changed his mind and went.  
The man came to the other son and gave the same order.  
He said in reply, 'Yes, sir, 'but did not go.  
Which of the two did his father's will?"  
They answered, "The first."  
Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you,  
tax collectors and prostitutes  
are entering the kingdom of God before you.  
When John came to you in the way of righteousness,  
you did not believe him;  
but tax collectors and prostitutes did.  
Yet even when you saw that,  
you did not later change your minds and believe him."

The family of **Joe & Kathy Cavlovic** & parishioners of St. John the Baptist Croatian Catholic Church would like to congratulate

**Joe & Kathy Cavlovic** on their  
**Happy 60th Wedding Anniversary !**  
Married on *September 28, 1963* at  
Our Lady, Queen of Croatia Church  
in Toronto, Canada



### Keeping In Touch

Will Resume next week!

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



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday, October 1-**

**9am-** George Brajkovic  
Dr. Matt J. Modrcin III  
Frank Sudac & Misko Piskuric  
John F. Novak

**Thursday, October 5-**

**8am-** Barbara Turley

**Saturday October 7--**

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

**Sunday, October 8-**

**9am-** Joe Sambol  
Tomecal Family  
George Gray Jr.  
Cecilia Kosorg Bishop

## LITURGICAL MINISTRY - OCTOBER

**October 1, 2023-**

**Lectors:** M. Viskovic, P. Mikesic  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** A. Kucenic  
**Servers:** M. Viskovic  
**Sacristans:** P. Mikesic, P. Hill

**October 8, 2023-**

**Lectors:** B. Horvat ; M. Viskovic, R. Sambol  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** S. Morrow ; G. Garcia  
**Servers:** A. Morrow ; A. Garcia  
**Sacristans:** S. Sandelich, G. Garcia

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

	<u>Sun. 09/24/23</u>
<b>Envelopes:</b>	2156.80
<b>Loose:</b>	83.00
<b>Building Fund:</b>	870.00
<b>Candles:</b>	134.00
<b>Poor Box:</b>	10.00
<b>Leaven:</b>	117.00
<b>Mass Intentions:</b>	10.00
<b>In Memory of:</b>	25.00
(Eugene Sostarich)	

QR Code for Online Giving



## Prayer Requests

Pope Francis I, Delores Denk, Judi Tucci, Susanna Laundry, Kenny Yarnevich, Dianna Stimac, Irene Delich, George Fracul, Karen Novak, Ana Piskuric, Chris Braun, Special Intention, In Thanksgiving, 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. Johns Catholic Club** in the church basement after the 9am Mass on **Sunday October 1st**. Please come and join the parish for fellowship and updates from other parishioners. **Trash Bags will be available to buy during coffee and donuts!** 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**. Make checks payable to St. John the Baptist Church. Exact money if paying with cash please.

### Strawberry Hill Altar Societies

**Golf Tournament** will be held on **October 2, 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.

### Food Kitchen

Food Kitchen date is for **October 9th**. 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.

### St. Bernadette's Circle

Members of the circle are invited to come to the meeting on **Tuesday October 10th 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 October 11 starting at 11 am** in the church basement.

### Croatian/Polish Palooza

**October 15, 2022 1-5pm** at Moose Lodge KCK 1999, 6621 Turner Drive, \$15/person with performances by Hrvatski Obicaj Tammburasi!



Praying for the protection of human life from conception to natural death.

# Respect Life Sunday Mass

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

11311 Johnson Dr., Shawnee, KS

October 1st, 10.30 am

Reception to follow in McDevitt Hall

Archbishop Naumann will be presiding and giving a blessing to those who care for and serve the most vulnerable among us.

respect life  
month

OCTOBER 2023



**MASS OF INNOCENTS** "We shall find our little ones again up above." -St. Zélie Martin

If you love a child who died before or shortly after birth, please join us for the **Mass of Innocents**, October 15th at 1pm at Holy Spirit in Overland Park

Celebrated by **Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann**, this annual event invites families of all ages to come remember their little one and receive comfort from the Body of Christ. No RSVP is necessary.

Please contact **Brad DuPont** with questions: [bdupont@archkck.org](mailto:bdupont@archkck.org) (913) 647-0301.

## Please support Donnelly College's

**SHINE 2023**, their annual fundraiser. Donnelly College is the archdiocesan college that provides a quality, Catholic higher education to those who may not otherwise be served. We need your help to be able to offer affordable, quality higher education: Please consider buying a ticket, sponsoring a table or making a donation of any amount; we are grateful for your support. Thank you to those parishes, organizations and individuals who have generously supported SHINE 2023. Please see a list of sponsors and event information here. Join us at SHINE and help spread the word about this fun, philanthropic event on **October 5, 2023** at The Abbott in Kansas City, Missouri. Together we can make Donnelly College the most accessible and transformative Catholic College in the country! Please contact Marcea Brown with any questions.

## Resurrection Catholic School Raffle

**Fundraiser Raffle** tickets are just \$5 for a chance to win \$1,500, \$500 or \$250! Purchase your tickets today at: <https://www.rcskck.org/giving> Tickets must be purchased by 3:00 PM Friday, October 6, 2023. The prize drawing will take place on October 12th, 2023. The winner will be announced on Facebook. Proceeds will go to assist with the many costs of operating a school.

TOPEKA REGINAL YOUTH MINISTRY PRESENTS: +

# Eucharistic Procession

JOIN ARCHBISHOP  
NAUMANN IN A  
EUCCHARISTIC  
PROCESSION AROUND  
OUR STATE CAPITAL

SNACKS TO FOLLOW

**8 OCTOBER  
1 PM - 2 PM**

FAMILIES WELCOME!

WE WILL BEGIN AND END THE  
PROCESSION AT ASSUMPTION  
CHURCH DOWNTOWN

ASSUMPTION CHURCH  
204 SW 8TH AVE,  
TOPEKA, KS

CONTACT JARED SAMSON FOR QUESTIONS AT [SAMSONJ@HAYDENCATHOLIC.NET](mailto:SAMSONJ@HAYDENCATHOLIC.NET)

**Organist/Choir Director** – St. John the Baptist Catholic Church on Strawberry Hill in Kansas City, Kansas is seeking an Organist/Choir Director for established Adult Choir. The successful candidate would accompany the choir on a sixteen rank organ for weekly rehearsal, Sunday Masses, as well as other liturgies and liturgical holidays throughout the year. Knowledge of Catholic liturgy preferred. Interested applicants should send letter of interest, resume, and references to  
St. John the Baptist parish office at:  
[ourcroatianparish@gmail.com](mailto:ourcroatianparish@gmail.com).



**Religious Education Classes For Adults**  
**Becoming a Catholic** and living the faith classes began on *September 12th*, classes are weekly on Tuesdays from 6:30pm-7:30pm at Holy Family School 515 Ohio Ave KCKS 66101 for adults who desire Baptism, Holy Communion, Confirmation, or a better understanding of the faith. For registration call 913-371-0627.

**ST. JOHN'S CLUB**  
**101ST ANNIVERSARY "HOMECOMING" DANCE**

**Bowling & Bluegrass**

**October 28th**  
**Saturday**  
**5-10pm**

**\$10 Admission**  
Includes music & bowling  
**\$10 Meal**  
Cevapi & sides  
**Cash Bar**  
**Raffle**

**Baric Brothers**  
Traditional Croatian Music  
**The Matchsellers**  
Bluegrass  
**Konza Swamp Band**  
Bluegrass and Old Time

414 Barnett Ave, Kansas City, Kansas

### The Fall Apple Strudel Sale

Orders will start now throughout October.

Apple strudels will be \$15/strudel.

A maximum of 5 strudel/person.

**Joanne Lally** is taking orders and can be reached at [staragena@kc.rr.com](mailto:staragena@kc.rr.com) or (913) 281-4448. We will be making a maximum of 200, so get your orders in early! As the orders for strudels are coming in we have also had a lot of requests for cheese strudels. Does anyone know of anyone making them for sale, if so, please let us know.



## CATHOLIC ADVISORS NETWORK

### TOPEKA

**OCTOBER 17, 2023**  
 **5:30 PM - 7:00 PM**



"Estate and Gift Planning  
Staples for Changing Times"  
Presented by Ryan Hellmer



**CoreFirst Bank & Trust Conference Facility**  
701 SW 31st Street  
Topeka, KS 66611

Register:  
[https://cfnek.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/list/event?event\\_date\\_id=1003](https://cfnek.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/list/event?event_date_id=1003)



### NEW Pro-Life Action Opportunities with Coalition Life

The national professional sidewalk counseling organization Coalition Life is coming to the Kansas City area, beginning their sidewalk counseling effort at the Planned Parenthood in Overland Park in October. There will be multiple opportunities to learn more, support this vital ministry and get involved. If you are interested in learning more about sidewalk counseling and how you can

support it, plan to attend a FREE Sidewalk Counselor Training seminar on *Saturday, September 30, noon to 3 p.m.* at **Advice & Aid**, 10901 Granada Ln., Overland Park. Meet the Coalition Life team and lift up the sidewalk pro-life efforts in prayer at the **Respect Life Sunday Mass and Reception** on *Sunday, October 1* at **St. Joseph Parish**, 11311 Johnson Drive., Shawnee. Coalition Life Executive Director **Brian Westbrook** will speak at a reception following Mass to share details about the effort and the real impact community members can make when they unite in love. Coalition Life has been meeting women on the sidewalk with information, options and resources for more than 12 years saving thousands of babies from abortion. Bringing their mission of ending abortion peacefully and prayerfully through sidewalk counseling." Please consider joining us at one of these opportunities to support pro-life work in our community and become informed. Learn more about Coalition Life online at [www.coalitionlife.com](http://www.coalitionlife.com) or call 314-827- 4039.

### Benedictine College's Center for Family Life

Invites you to the **Nuptial Charity Retreat** this

October! Married couples of all ages are invited to come learn from **Fr. José Noriega, DCJM**, a theologian and pastor specializing in marriage and family life. The retreat will explore the Holy Spirit's role in the marriage covenant. This couples' retreat serves as a foretaste of our upcoming Family Week (May 26-31, 2024). *Saturday, October 14, 2023 8:30 am- 4:00 pm* **Benedictine College Atchison, KS** Lunch will be provided. Cost is \$50 per couple. Find out more and register at [benedictine.edu/NuptialCharity](http://benedictine.edu/NuptialCharity)



### CELEBRATING ADOPTIVE AND FOSTER MOMS

Sophia Spirituality Center (a ministry of the Benedictine Sisters of Mount St. Scholastica)  
751 South 8th St. Atchison, KS 66002

*OCTOBER 8, 2023*

*SUNDAY, 9:30 A.M.—3:00 P.M. CDT*

Facilitated by **Mary Kay Whitacre**

Suggested donation: \$35 Register:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfPg9kxUjUHLz2Jw5fvdKARu9vW90LcYUm9NFgI68OYhHuGA/viewform>

We know that as an adoptive and/or foster mom, you experience both unique blessings and challenges in your extraordinary family setting. It can sometimes feel isolating or at the very least leave you with a sense of not knowing where to turn for resources or support. Join us for an uplifting and hope-filled retreat experience where you are invited to be a part of this network of support where everyone benefits from each other's daily experiences, lived wisdom, knowing compassion, and shared information. We will go to Mass with the Benedictine sisters, have brunch, and experience meaningful connection as we enjoy an afternoon of sharing and caring. Together we are more.

## Faith Strong:

## Do not be Afraid



Phenomenal speakers Aaron and Jeannine Adkins will share about their experience at ICDA as well as their testimony on their faith journey.



### Bio for Jeannine and Aaron Adkins

Jeannine Adkins and Aaron Adkins are a Deaf Catholic mother and father of ten, which includes two in heaven. Both are also grandparents to a grandson and twin granddaughters.

Jeannine ministers to the Deaf Catholic Community at her local parish in Kansas, and online, through the TheDeafCatholicMom Vlog and Deaf Catholic World page on Facebook. She presently resides in Topeka, Kansas with her husband and children.

### Retreat Information

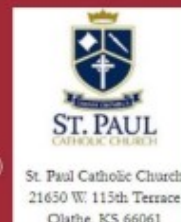
Date: 10/7/2023

Location: St. Paul Catholic Church in Olathe (St. Jerome room)

Time: 12 pm—5 PM (Deaf Mass at 4 PM)

Lunch will be provided.

RSVP to [deafministry@archkck.org](mailto:deafministry@archkck.org) by Friday, September 29th.



As we continue this year of Eucharistic Revival, we would like to invite you to our parish's Jesus and the Eucharist Study. This study was specifically designed for the Year of Parish Revival of the National Eucharistic Revival under the pillar of Robust Formation, and it provides a great opportunity to dive more deeply into the richness of our Eucharistic faith. Each session is full of rich theological content, powerful testimonies, and unique and timely messages from individual bishops across the country. This study will be a special time to grow in community within our parish as we walk this sacred year together, and we really desire you to join us.



## Jesus and the Eucharist Study

Every parish across the country is invited to host the Jesus and the Eucharist study during the Year of Parish Revival. This seven-session series will immerse participants in the kerygmatic proclamation (Sessions 1–4) and unveil God's saving work in the Eucharist (Sessions 5–7).

Each session opens with an exhortation from a different bishop, followed by lectio divina prayer with scripture. The main lesson is drawn from content created by the Augustine Institute and will include personal testimonies from Catholics across the country. We will then transition into small group discussions. Each session will be 2 hours or less.

### BELOW IS AN OVERVIEW OF EACH SESSION:

#### Session 1: What's Our Story?

The Bible is the story of God's love for us. He created us out of love, redeemed us by his love, and transforms us in his love.

#### Session 2: Who Is Jesus?

Jesus is both God and man, therefore he reveals who God is in relation to us. Jesus asked Simon Peter, "Who do you say that I am?" (Matthew 16:15) He asks this same question of us: who do you say Jesus is?

#### Session 3: Am I Saved?

Salvation is a gift from God through Jesus Christ that requires our "yes."

#### Session 4: Why a Church?

Jesus didn't simply leave us a written message or instruction manual to follow. He gave us a living, dynamic Church where we encounter him personally and allow ourselves to be transformed into his likeness.

#### Session 5: God Is With Us

God's presence in the Old Testament foreshadows the gift of the Eucharist, one of the seven sacraments of the Church. Jesus established the Eucharist to give us strength and accompany us at every moment of our earthly journey.

#### Session 6: The Story of the Eucharist

The story of the Eucharist can be traced throughout Scripture. From Genesis to the present day, this session explores how the Cross is the new Tree of Life, and the Eucharist is its fruit.

#### Session 7: Bread for the Journey

The Eucharist sustains us on our spiritual journey. Our participation at Mass through the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist is an offering of thanksgiving to God. We are then sent forth to share what we have received.

Through the generosity of our donors, the content of this study is available free of charge. Additionally, we will be providing you with support to help you and your team be successful in hosting this series at your parish. Visit the Parish Point Person Portal at [eucharisticrevival.org/parishpointperson](https://eucharisticrevival.org/parishpointperson) to access trainings, invitation templates, and other support materials.



## ST. THERESE OF THE LITTLE FLOWER



- ✦ St. Thérèse was born January 2, 1873, in Alençon, France. She died on Sept 30, 1897.
- ✦ She was canonized on May 17, 1925.
- ✦ Her feast day is October 1.
- ✦ She is the patron saint of "Little Ways"- doing small acts of great love.

Happy  
Feast Day

## St. Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

where there is hatred, let  
me sow love; where  
there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt,  
faith; where there is  
despair, hope; where  
there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness,  
joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may  
not so much seek to be consoled as  
to console, to be understood as to  
understand, to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive.  
It is in pardoning that we are  
pardoned, and it is in dying that  
we are born to eternal life. Amen.

## SAINT MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA

PRAY FOR US

OCTOBER 5TH

{1905-1938}



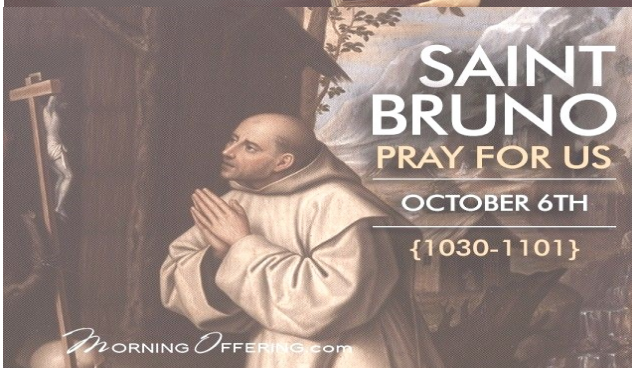
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## SAINT BRUNO

PRAY FOR US

OCTOBER 6TH

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## OUR LADY OF THE HOLY ROSARY

Feast Day: Oct. 7



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Prayer in Honor of

**BLESSED FRANCIS XAVIER SEELoS**

O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer,  
let the words of my mouth and the meditation  
of my heart be pleasing in your sight.

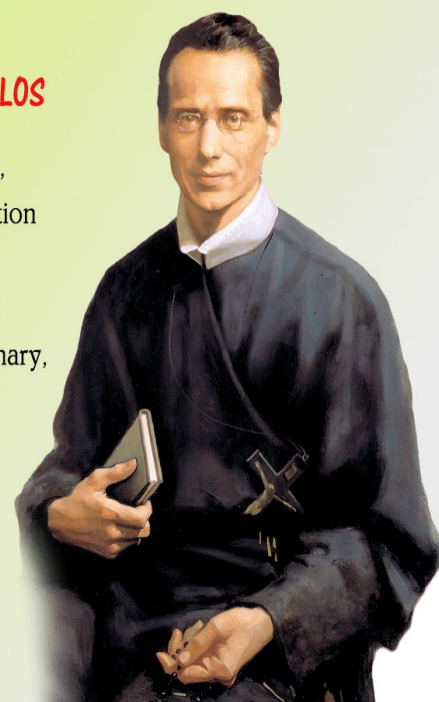
I offer praise to you for the grace  
you have bestowed on your humble missionary,

Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos.

May I have the same joyful vigour that

Blessed Seelos possessed during  
his earthly life to love you deeply  
and to live faithfully your gospel.

Amen.



**Bl. Marie-Rose Durocher**

Feast Day: October 6



**Pray for Us**

@cathapostlectr





*Be the change.*

**Help change a life. Give blood.**



**Blood Drive**  
**Savior Pastoral Center**

In the Gym  
12601 Parallel Parkway  
Kansas City, KS 66109

**Tuesday, October 24, 2023**  
**10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: SaviorPastoral to schedule an appointment.

**Come give Oct. 21 thru Nov. 9 and get a \$10 gift card by email. PLUS, get a chance to win a \$5,000 prize to treat yourself! You could be one of three lucky winners (one a week). Terms apply: [rcblood.org/lunch](https://rcblood.org/lunch)**

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