



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 24, 2023 Matthew 20: 1-16a

Parish Office:

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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 Holy Family in September)

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

HAPPY FEAST DAY

St. MICHAEL



O Glorious St. Michael the Archangel, come to the aid of man, whom Almighty God made in His own image and likeness and redeemed at a great price from the tyranny of satan.

St. GABRIEL



O Glorious St. Gabriel, as you announced to Mary, the Mystery of the Incarnation, we beseech you, intercede for us at the Throne of Mercy in our present necessities.

St. RAPHAEL



O Glorious St. Raphael, heal the many infirmities of my soul and the ills that afflict my body and the great grace of purity to prepare me to be the temple of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Keeping In Touch

As I mentioned last week, this past week was full and I am happy to say that everything went well, in spite of a little bad weather coming home on Tuesday night. This coming week the priests of the Archdiocese will gather at Conception Abbey for our annual Priest's Convocation. I always look forward to these gatherings with my brother priests because it is not only a time of learning, of prayer, and drawing closer to the Lord but it is also a time of fellowship and support.

Each year at the Convocation, we focus in on a particular topic. This year our topic is, "The Eucharist." Our presenter is a Professor from St. Louis. I am excited to spend these days reflecting on and growing in knowledge of the Eucharist. As we know, the Eucharist was a great gift that Jesus left to us - **His very Body and Blood**. Part of the reason why we are spending these days on this topic is not only because of our love of the Eucharist and the fact that it is the source and summit of our life as Catholics but also because, as you may remember, we are in the midst of a Eucharistic Revival led by the Bishop's Conference.

Please pray for us priests as we gather this week and know that I carry all of you in my thoughts and prayers.

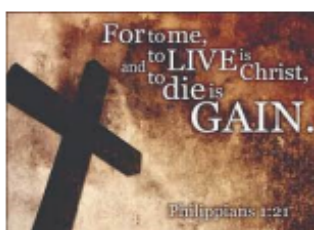
Blessings in Christ and St. Augustine,
Fr. Joseph M. Arsenault, SSA, JV, Pastor



Brothers and sisters: Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me life is Christ, and death is gain. If I go on living in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. And I do not know which I shall choose. I am caught between the two. I long to depart this life and be with Christ, for that is far better. Yet that I remain in the flesh is more necessary for your benefit.

Only conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ.

- Philippians 1:20 c-24, 27a



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, September 24-

9am- Nikola Kucenic
Katherine Schwab
Family Suljak
Jason Reynolds

Thursday, September 28-

8am- No Mass
(Priest Convocation)

Saturday September 30--

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

Sunday, October 1-

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

LITURGICAL MINISTRY - SEPT-OCT

September 24, 2023-

Lectors: C. Schneider, M. Piskuric
Eucharistic Ministers: N. Gasparovic
Servers: A. Morrow
Sacristans: B. Horvat

October 1, 2023-

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

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Sun. 09/17/23

Envelopes:	4183.80
Loose:	79.00
Building Fund:	1045.00
Candles:	134.00
Poor Box:	20.00
Leaven:	23.00
Mass Intentions:	160.00
In Memory of:	
(Eugene Sostarich)	140.00
(Michael Spehar)	100.00
Endowment Fund:	600.00

QR Code for Online Giving



Prayer Requests

Pope Francis I, Delores Denk, Judi Tucci, Charles Laundry, 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.

RCS Raffle Fundraiser

Each fall, Resurrection has a parent-led raffle fundraiser. All RCS families participate in this event, selling \$5 raffle tickets throughout the community. The proceeds will go to assist with the many costs of operating a school. The raffle includes a \$1,500 prize drawing, \$500 prize drawing, and \$250 prize drawing. The prize drawing will take place on *October 12th, 2023* after the Walk-a-thon. The winner will be announced on Facebook. RCS Families will be selling raffle tickets after masses on the following week-ends: *September 24th and September 30th and October 1st*.

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.



Help Catholic schools say yes to low-income students!

Make a gift to the CEF Scholarship Drive today.

Learn more and donate online at
CEFKS.org/ScholarshipDrive



Thank you to **Patrice Dorian** for coordinating the help for Altar Society Festival Booths. It was wonderful to see new faces! Hope you all come back next year!



The Fall Apple Strudel Sale Orders

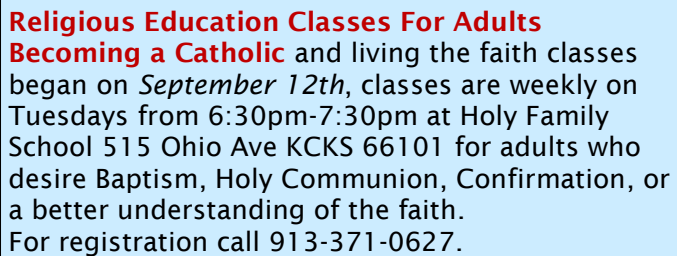
will start now throughout October.

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 or (913) 281-4448.

We will be making a maximum of 200, so get your orders in early!



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.

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.



The Holy Name of Jesus Parish on Southwest Blvd in Kansas City, Kansas is having their annual Ice-Cream Social

Saturday, September 30th.

1001 Southwest Blvd, Kansas City, KS 66103

Join us for Mass at 4pm with the social beginning at 5pm going to 10pm. There will be lots of children's games, raffle prizes, pull tabs, 50/50, food and drinks. Music will be by "Stranded in the City". **(All proceeds will go to special projects of Holy Name of Jesus School.)**

Due to the Priest Convocation beginning on September 25 through September 29, there will be no 8:00 a.m. Masses on Thursday, September 28 and on Friday, September 28.

CALL TO SHARE PROGRESS REPORT

SJB- KC-Parish Goal~ \$19,822

As of September, 2023, 67 gifts were received for a total of \$17,413 (total is updated monthly)

Prayerfully consider making a gift to those in need. Thank you! Mission.Archkck.org

Thank you so much for supporting the Archbishop's Call to Share! You and your parishioners make a difference in people's lives. The success of ACTS is a true reflection of the generosity and service of you and your parishioners.

DONATE FROM YOUR HARVEST

Now could be a great time to turn bushels of grain, corn, or soybeans into a gift to the Archbishop's Call to Share and potentially save on taxes and deduct the cost of production.

SCAN HERE TO LEARN MORE!



Respect Life Sunday Mass with Archbishop Naumann October is Respect Life Month. It is a time when the Church asks us to pray and reflect more deeply on the sanctity and dignity of the human person and our responsibility to defend all life, especially the most vulnerable. This year's theme is "Radical Solidarity," helping us to understand how to put our love for others into firm and determined action. Learn more at:

<https://www.respectlife.org/radical-solidarity>.

All are invited to celebrate Respect Life Month's kick-off Mass with the Archbishop, with a reception to follow:

Respect Life Sunday Mass with Archbishop Naumann *Sunday, October 1st, 10:30 a.m.*

St. Joseph Catholic Church

5901 Flint St. Shawnee KS



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.



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



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 (913) 647-0301.



Please join us for an

ADORATION + SHIN DIG



SEPTEMBER 30, 2023
6:00 PM DOOR / DRIVEWAY OPENS
7:00 - 8:00 ADORATION
8:00 - 10:00 COUNTRY HOE DOWN & SMORES

Pull out your bibles, pull up your boots - it's time to pray and dance!
 Rooted in heavenly prayer and held in the beauty of St. Andre Orchard (aka The Rzhia Farm), we're so excited to share this evening of goodness with you.
 Please bring chairs or blankets for adoration.

St. Andre Orchard: 5443 Rawlins Rd, Atchison archkck.org/rural

While RYMO and this event are primarily focused on HS students, absolutely all ages are welcome to attend

REACH KCK

Confirmation Bonfire



15 OCT 2023 3-6 pm

Keynote Speaker
Tony Melendez

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever". Jn 6, 51.



Blessed Sacrament
 2215 Parallel Ave
 Kansas City, KS 66104

For more information
 (913) 449-1420
 reachkck@archkck.org


Register using the QR code

Noble Saint Vincent de Paul,

Inspire us to feed the hungry,
 to love a child to provide comfort
 and medicine to the sick to clothe
 those whose garments are threadbare,
 and to offer hope and our Lord's words
 to all who need respite.

PRAYER TO
 ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Feast Day-
 September 27



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

Bowling & Bluegrass



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

October 28th
Saturday
5-10pm

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

414 Barnett Ave, Kansas City, Kansas

Feast Day- September 30



St. Jerome was a priest, writer and teacher. He was born in Dalmatia, Croatia in 340 AD. After completing his studies in languages and law, St. Jerome reflected deeply on the purpose of his life. He looked for a more meaningful way in which he could serve God and others. St. Jerome entered a seminary where he studied and became a priest. Under Pope St. Damasus' directions, St. Jerome was asked to translate the New Testament into the modern Latin, spoken by the people of that time. The original books in the Bible were written in three languages: Hebrew, Greek and Latin. St. Jerome translated both the New and Old Testament. This incredible task took St. Jerome thirty years to complete. He was the first scholar in his time to translate the Bible into one standard language, easily understood by all.

St. Jerome frequently read the Gospels which helped him to grow in wisdom. Many sought his advice as he was famous for being wise, learned and an eloquent speaker. He wrote beautiful letters telling people about Jesus and His plans for His people. He also wrote books on the Bible which provided Christians with a deeper understanding of God's word.

St. Jerome went to Bethlehem and joined a monastery. This special community consisted of Christian men living together: praying, working, teaching others about God's love and helping the poor and the needy. St. Jerome helped to open a school in which he taught the local children of Bethlehem the Greek and Latin languages. He never got tired of teaching God's word. During the later years of his life, he prayed and continued his studies and writings on the Bible in a cave.

St. Jerome died in Bethlehem in the year 420 AD.

St. Jerome is one of the greatest biblical scholars of all time. He is called the Father and Doctor of the church and the "Man of the Bible". One of his most famous sayings was:

"Now we have to translate the works of Scripture into deeds, instead of talking of Holy things, we must enact them"

Since St. Jerome spent a lot of time studying languages and books like the Bible, St. Jerome is known as the protector of Scholars and patron saint of Librarians.

