



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Matthew 16, 21-27

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time- September 3, 2023 Matthew 16: 21-27

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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 September)

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

Ken Yarnevich

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Prayer Line

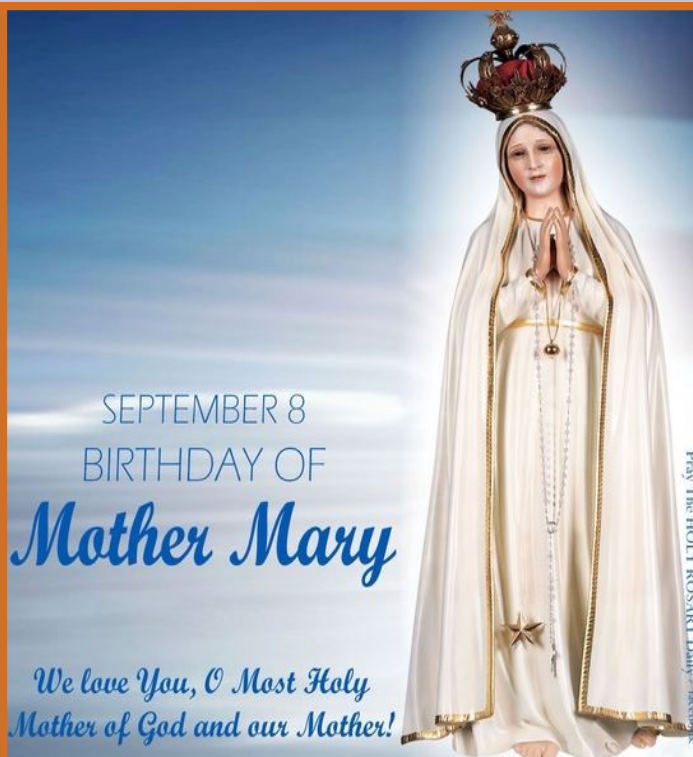
Keeping In Touch

First of all, I am sorry my column did not appear last week. I was travelling and time just got away from me. Be assured however, that you were thought of during my trip. In fact at one point I was speaking to someone about being the pastor of a Croatian and Slovenian parishes and they informed me of this store that was close to where we were that imported things from Croatia and Slovenia. I had to check it out. Needless to say I walked out of the store having made several purchases! I returned home tired from the long, short trip but very happy that it was a successful trip.

As you heard me mention last week, the Feast of Saint Monica fell on Sunday and the Feast of Saint Augustine on Monday. These days are very important in the Augustinian world. To celebrate, Fr. Peter and I invited several priests to join us on Sunday evening for prayer, social time and a nice meal (in which was served Slovenian wine, apple strudel and Croatian Slivovitz). On Monday, Fr. Peter and I travelled to Topeka to celebrate with the Augustinian Sisters and Third Order. Great celebrations all around!

This coming Monday is another very important day in the Augustinian world. On this day (September 4) we honor our Lady under the title of Our Mother of Consolation. She is, under this title, the principal Patroness of all Augustinians. The focus of devotion to our Lady under this title flows from Saint Monica where Our Lady appeared to her and encouraged her to hold firm to her faith and God would take care of her son, Augustine. In other words, Our Lady was telling Monica to find consolation in her faith. In our present world amid the turmoil, confusion and temptations, we are reminded by Our Lady to hold firm to our faith and in that we will find the way of journey to life where we receive the fullness of life, happiness and peace. Have a great Labor Day

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





Our Mother of Consolation

September 4

When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing near the Cross, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Behold your mother."--

John 19: 26-27

With these words Jesus was asking his Church, represented by the disciple, to console and care for his mother. At the same time he was asking his mother to console and care for the Church. From this arose the tradition that Mary, the mother of Jesus, is a source of consolation for the whole Church.

Monica, the mother of Augustine, suffered much from her wayward son's early life of sin. According to an ancient story, she confided her distress to Mary, who appeared to Monica wearing a leather cincture (a type of belt). As a pledge of her support, Mary removed the cincture and gave it to Monica to wear. Monica gave it to her son, who, after his conversion to Christ, gave it to the members of his monastic community.

The traditional depiction of Our Mother of Consolation shows Mary holding the child Jesus on her lap. Jesus and Mary both hold the Augustinian cincture in their hands.

Devotion to the mother of Jesus under the title Mother of Consolation has been an Augustinian tradition for centuries, since the cincture that is part of the Augustinian habit reminds them of the compassionate consolation she offers to the Church.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, September 3-

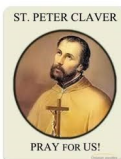
9am- Louis Reimers
Helen & Denis (Jelica) Sudac
Ivan & Veronika Sudac
Karl McCarty

Thursday, September 7-

8am-

Saturday September 9- St. Peter Claver

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



Sunday, September 10-

9am- Sestric & Pavlic Family
Deceased of Schwab Family
Ivan Zeleznak
Janko & Marija Piskuric

LITURGICAL MINISTRY - SEPTEMBER

September 3, 2023-

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

September 10, 2023-

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

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

	<u>Sat. 08/26/23</u>	<u>Sun. 08/27/23</u>
Envelopes:	1170.00	1862.80
Loose:	145.00	80.00
Building Fund:	30.00	365.00
Candles:	39.00	103.00
Poor Box:		117.00
Leaven:	46.00	
Mass Intentions:	20.00	

QR Code for Online Giving



Prayer Requests

Pope Francis I, Susanna Laundry, Kenny Yarnevich, Dianna Stimac, Irene Delich, George Fracul, Karen Novak, Ana Piskuric, Jennifer Vallejo, 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 **Altar Society** in the church basement after the **9am Mass on Sunday September 3rd** Please come and join the parish for fellowship and updates from other parishioners.

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.

Rescued through the Triumph of the Cross

Christ's Peace House of Prayer 22131 Meager Rd., Easton **Friday, September 15th at 5:30pm - Sunday, September 17th at 4:30pm** Life can change for the better. Our challenges can be met with practical wisdom revealing the path to a flourishing life. The Triumph of the Cross is not only an event from the past but our ongoing hope of glory. Father John Riccardo's newest book, "Rescued", will help guide our retreat. There are conferences, Eucharistic Adoration, Mass, Confession and time for private prayer, reflection and walking. Cabins/Courtyard Rooms: \$170 Single/\$250 Couple or Single Guest Rooms: \$100 (Meals Included). To attend, fill out the Individual Retreat Form at ChristsPeace.com or call 913.773.8255.

September Holy Rosary Rally

Please join us to Honor Our Blessed Mother and Our Lady of Fatima at the **September 10, 2023** Holy Rosary Rally which will be held on **Sunday from 3pm-4:15pm** at the **Christ the King Church** 3024 N. 53rd St. Kansas City, Kansas 66104. We will pray the Joyful, Sorrowful, and Glorious Mysteries of the Holy Rosary followed by Benediction and the opportunity for attendees to enroll in the Brown Scapular. For driving instructions or future dates for the Kansas city monthly Holy Rosary rallies, please visit



September is Hunger Action Month The USDA defines food insecurity as a lack of consistent access to enough food for every person in a household to live an active, healthy life. This can be a temporary situation for a family or can last a long time. Food insecurity is one way we measure how many people cannot afford food. More than 34 million people, including 10 million children experience food insecurity in the United States. Nearly one in five Kansas children do not have enough food to eat. Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas is committed to addressing hunger and food insecurity through many solutions. When families come to Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas, we connect them to Federal Nutrition Programs such as WIC and SNAP. Both of these programs allow families to purchase nutritious food for their families. Catholic Charities also administers CACFP and Summer Food programs, which provide nutritious meals and snacks to children when not in school. We also distribute commodities in Topeka and Wyandotte County and we distribute senior commodities in Leavenworth, Lawrence and Seneca. All of these programs are federally funded food. Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas operates eight food pantries in our 21 county service area. We strive to provide healthy food to families in need as a way to supplement their household food budget. Following the pandemic and with the rising cost of food we have seen a 69% increase in people accessing our food pantries. We have had a saying at Catholic Charities "school's out, food's out" and that has certainly been true this past summer. Our shelves are close to empty and we are not replacing our inventory at a rate that keeps adequate food on the shelves. We continue to purchase food but there is limited bulk to purchase and just like everyone, our dollar is not going as far. We depend on our parish and community food drives to keep us stocked with shelf stable food and donations have decreased this summer. We need your help! Here are a few ways that you can feed the need: · Participate in a food drive at your parish, school or community. For a full list of upcoming food drives visit our website: <https://catholiccharitiesks.org/food-drives> · Donate to our food pantries financially: <https://catholiccharitiesks.org/parish-food-drive-donation> · Host a food drive at your parish, school or community.

To get started contact Kendra at kdudasko@catholiccharitiesks.org For more ideas, visit our website: <https://catholiccharitiesks.org/food-drives>

Grace & Gift: Living in the Holy Spirit

TESI
CARMONA



Hearing God's
Voice
in Your Life

Listening to
God's Voice
through Others

ANDRE
REGNIER



But when he comes the Spirit of truth,
He will guide you to all truth;
He will not speak on his own,
but he will speak what he hears and
will declare to you the things that are coming;
John 16:13

Holy Trinity Parish - Fr. Quigley Center
13615 W 92nd St, Lenexa, KS 66215

September 9th 8:30am - 2pm

Registration | \$20
www.archkck.org/revival

Renew + Reflect + Retreat

Holy Smokes!! The Archdiocese Catholic

Committee on Scouting invites ALL scouts – Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and American Heritage Girls – to Savior Pastoral Center in Kansas City on *Saturday, September 9th* for Holy Smokes! This is a family event, and includes games, activities, a special, outdoor Holy Mass at 5PM, and an amazing BBQ Dinner (\$10 suggested donation). All Catholic scouts are welcome, regardless of whether your pack or troop is sponsored by your parish. Come have fun, celebrate Mass, and learn about some exciting new Catholic Scouting religious emblem programs! Camping is optional, and we have separate areas for Heritage Girls, Cub Scouts and Family Scout Campers, and Boy Scouts who are attending with a troop. All the details are on the Archdiocese Scouting site, or just visit <http://tiny.cc/holysmokes2023> to learn more or register.

Happy Catholic Scouting!

The Holy Name of Jesus Parish on Southwest Blvd in Kansas City, Kansas is having their annual Ice-Cream Social Saturday, September 30th.

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.)**



HIRING EVENT!

**Wyandotte County Workforce Center
626 Minnesota Avenue
Kansas City, KS 66101**

**September 5th, 12th, 19th, & 26th, 2023
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

Throughout the month of September, the United States Postal Service (USPS) is hosting a hiring event every Tuesday at the Wyandotte County Workforce Center.

- USPS is hiring for multiple positions, including:
- **City Carrier Assistants - \$19.33 per hour**
 - **Rural Carrier Associates - \$19.94 per hour**

Please visit hiring managers at the job fair to learn more about what USPS can offer you!

Join our team and apply today at
www.usps.com/careers.

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THE Gerson Companies HIRING EVENT!

**Wyandotte County Workforce Center
626 Minnesota Avenue
Kansas City, KS 66101**

**September 5th, 7th, 12th, 14th, 19th, 21st, 26th,
& 28th, 2023
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

With over 80 years' experience in the retail industry, The Gerson Companies is a proven leader in the importation and distribution of on-trend seasonal and everyday home décor products to retailer customers. Our headquarters, located in Olathe, Kansas, encompasses more than 500,000 sq. ft. of warehouse, showroom and office space. With our distribution center centrally located in the U.S., product delivery is faster, and in many cases, more cost-effective for our customers.

Gerson Companies is searching for candidates to hire for seasonal Warehouse workers and Maintenance positions.

Learn more at: www.gersoncompany.com

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HIRING EVENT

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626 Minnesota Avenue
Kansas City, KS 66101

Wednesday, September 6, 2023
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

The Medi-Coach Transport Services is looking for Drivers with a clean driving record and license. They offer flexible schedules and decent pay!

For more information about the event and to schedule your interview, contact Workforce Partnership at (913) 279-2600

Or Email:

FDWY@workforcepartnership.com.

WORKFORCE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS ARE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMS WITH AUXILIARY AIDS AND SERVICES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST TO INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES.

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Wyandotte County Workforce Center
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Kansas City, Kansas 66101

September 6th & 20th, 2023
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

On Demand Employment Services will be hosting several hiring events at the Wyandotte County Workforce Center throughout the month of September.

On Demand is hiring for multiple positions in the KCK, Johnson County & KCMO areas.

Opportunities Include:

Rail Yard Labor \$15, Pick-Pack \$13, General labor \$15-\$17, Forklift \$16, Clerical & much more....

Apply today at www.ondemandemployment.net.

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Strawberry Hill Altar Societies

GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 4th Annual Strawberry Hill Altar Societies Golf Tournament will take place on *Monday, October 2nd*. We have some wonderful prints from SAV-ART and a Professional Photo of KC Union Station as raffle items. Everyone is invited to purchase chances in advance. The cost is \$5/each or 6/\$25. Please return your tickets and money to your church office.

There will be additional items for raffle the day of the event and we invite everyone to come to **Sunflower Hills Golf Course** to see what wonderful raffle prizes we have.

Here is a peek at the prints available:



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Enter for SavArt prints from Michael Savage. Winners will be drawn at the Golf Tournament on Oct. 3.

Name: _____
Phone: _____

Print Number: _____

Tickets are \$5 each or 6 for \$25
Thank you for your support!



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