



# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Matthew 21, 33-43, 45-46

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time- October 8, 2023 Matthew 21: 33-43

## 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

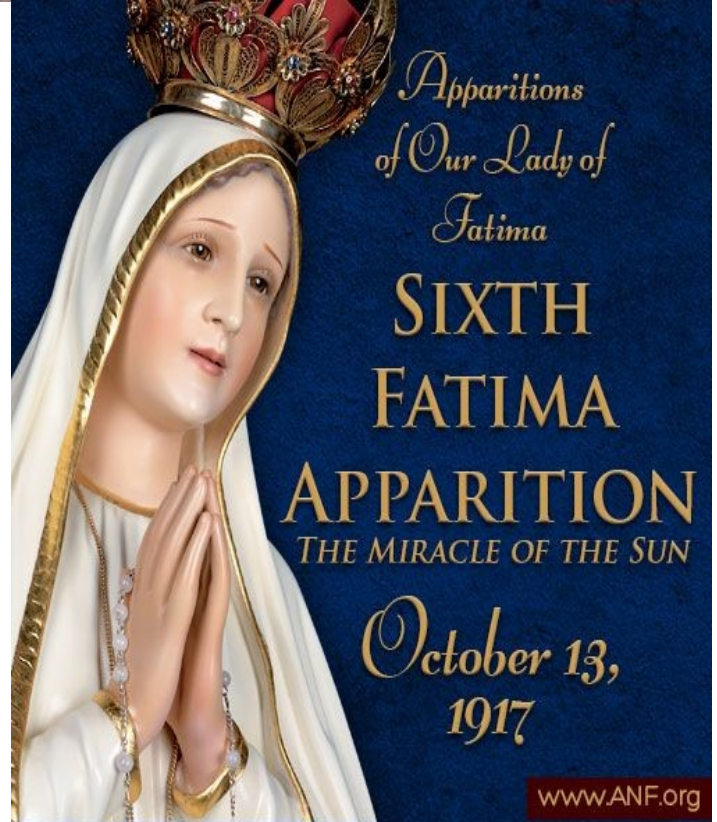
Parish Council Don Taylor

Altar Society Kelly Moutray

St. John's Club Ken Yarnevich

913-371-9690

Prayer Line (913) 281-4448



## Keeping In Touch

The Priest Study days were excellent! I was glad to get home and settle into the week ahead. It was an Extremely packed week and at the end of it I had to head out of town. I am on my way to the Canon Law Convention which this year is being held in Milwaukee, WI. I am part of the planning committee with regards to our liturgies so I have to go a little early as I have to help set up a chapel in the hotel that we will be staying. It looks like it is going to be a good convention and I am looking forward to it. It will also be good to see some people who I only get to see once a year. Please pray for us that all (there will be about 300 or so attending) will have safe travels and that the time together will be a time of great learning and great blessings. I will be home next weekend and look forward to seeing you all! Be assured of my prayers.

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



## Rosary in Honor of Our Lady of Fatima

Hello friends and parishioners of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. You are invited to attend a Rosary in honor of **Our Lady of Fatima** on **Saturday October 14, 2023 at 12:00 (noon)** at Holy Family Park across the street from Holy Family Church, 274 Orchard St. Kansas City, Kansas.

Connie Kucenic is promoting and leading the Rosary at the Park on this day. So if you can, come and join saying the Rosary in honor of Our Lady of Fatima!

Don't forget to bring your rosary!

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday, October 8-**

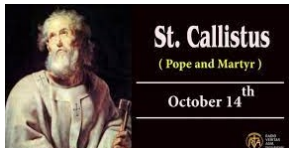
**9am-** Joe Sambol  
Tomecal Family  
George Gray Jr.  
Cecilia Kosorg Bishop

**Thursday, October 12-**

**8am-** Eugene Sostarich  
Anne Ozbolt

**Saturday October 14- St. Callistus Pope & Martyr**

**4pm- Vigil Mass at St. John the Baptist**  
St. John & Holy Family  
parishioners



**Sunday, October 15-**

**9am-** Mr. & Mrs. Matt J. Modrcin Jr.  
Helen & Denis (Jelica) Sudac  
Enzina Reynolds  
Elsie & Arthur Neet

## LITURGICAL MINISTRY - OCTOBER

**October 7-8, 2023-**

**Lectors:** none ; M. Viskovic, R. Sambol  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** S. Morrow ; G. Garcia  
**Servers:** A. Morrow ; A. Garcia  
**Sacristans:** J. Lally, C. Kolich ; S. Sandelich, G. Garcia

**October 14-15, 2023-**

**Lectors:** G. Garcia ; S. Taylor, M. Viskovic  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** M. Garcia ; N. Gasparovic  
**Servers:** A. Garcia ; none  
**Sacristans:** M. Foster, J. Foster; H. Rebeck, W. Christ

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

|                  | <u>Sun. 10/01/23</u> |
|------------------|----------------------|
| Envelopes:       | 2533.00              |
| Loose:           | 96.00                |
| Building Fund:   | 485.00               |
| Candles:         | 73.50                |
| Poor Box:        | 10.00                |
| Leaven:          | 23.00                |
| World Mission:   | 50.00                |
| All Saints:      | 20.00                |
| Mass Intentions: | 100.00               |

### Second Collection this weekend!

There will be a second collection this Saturday & Sunday, October 7-8. Fr. Damien Beyuo will request a Mission Appeal for his home diocese.

QR Code for Online Giving to STB



## 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

### 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.

### BINGO Boo-Bash & Chili Supper

**Saturday October 21** after 4pm mass in the church basement. \$15. Open to all. Sponsored by Croatian American Social Club. Denny Tokic 913-488-9976



## **ST JOHN XXIII**

### PRAYER FOR STRENGTH

EVERY DAY I NEED YOU, LORD, BUT  
TODAY ESPECIALLY,  
I NEED SOME EXTRA STRENGTH TO  
FACE WHATEVER IS TO COME.

THIS DAY, MORE THAN ANY OTHER  
DAY, I NEED TO FEEL YOU NEAR ME  
TO STRENGTHEN MY COURAGE AND TO  
OVERCOME ANY FEAR.

BY MYSELF I CANNOT MEET THE  
CHALLENGE OF THE HOUR.

WE ARE FRAIL HUMAN CREATURES  
AND WE NEED A HIGHER POWER TO  
SUSTAIN US IN ALL THAT LIFE MAY  
BRING.

AND SO, DEAR LORD, HOLD MY  
TREMBLING HAND.

BE WITH ME, LORD, THIS DAY AND  
STRETCH OUT YOUR POWERFUL ARM  
TO HELP ME.

MAY YOUR LOVE BE UPON ME AS I  
PLACE ALL MY HOPE IN YOU.

AMEN.

**Feast Day - October 11**





## 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 "ahh!" 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.**



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OFFICE OF MARRIAGE  
AND FAMILY LIFE

**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).



## BUILDING A CIVILIZATION OF LOVE

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## MAKING MISSIONARY DISCIPLES TRACK

Jan. 1-5, 2024 | St. Louis, MO

The Office of Evangelization is organizing an opportunity to attend SEEK24 in St. Louis from January 1-5, 2024. More information will be shared in the upcoming weeks.

Questions? Contact Emily Lopez at [elopez@archkck.org](mailto:elopez@archkck.org) or 913-298-9344.




**FOOD • DRINKS • MUSIC • DANCING**  
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14 FROM 3PM - 8:15PM**

## CROATIAN / POLISH DAY

Sarma (Cabbage Roll) Dinner @ 3pm \$20 per person  
 with performances by Hrvatski Običaj Tamburaši  
 from 4-6pm & Baric Brothers! @ 6:15pm.

KCK Moose Lodge 1999 6621 Turner Drive, KC KS




**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



### COME FALL IN LOVE AGAIN

Going through a change of seasons in your marriage - new career, emptying nesting, aging parents?

Register today for the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Experience to embrace the changes while falling in love all over again.

For more information, or to register for an upcoming weekend, visit [www.WWME.org](http://www.WWME.org) or scan the QR code.





**Save the Date: Nov. 10 - 12, 2023**

**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.

**Festival T-shirts** for sale! If you didn't get a chance to purchase a t-shirt from the Croatian Festival you still can do so by visiting the parish office during the hours 8:30 am-5pm M-F. For more details call 913-371-0627



## 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.

## 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.

## Other Upcoming Events



## GIFT PLANNING SEMINAR

Topic :

Ways to Give- Learn about tax-effective ways to support your parish



October 18, 2023, 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM  
October 20, 2023, 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM



St. Pius X Parish  
5500 Woodson Rd, Mission, KS 66202

## SPEAKER

Bill Maloney

Executive Director  
Catholic Foundation of Northeast Kansas

REGISTER NOW AT :

<https://cfnek.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/list/ticket>

**The Catholic Foundation of Northeast Kansas** is gearing up for **GivingTuesday** (November 28, 2023). Don't miss an opportunity to join our 2023 campaign and leverage this national day of giving to raise funds to further your mission! Each parish, school, ministry, and nonprofit within the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas is eligible to participate in this day of giving on **Tuesday, November 28**. The kick-off webinar recording, training webinar schedule, registration form, and more resources to help you gear up for GivingTuesday can be found at [cfnek.org/giving-tuesday](http://cfnek.org/giving-tuesday). If you have any questions, please reach out to **Morgan Wade** at 913-721-1570 Ext 225 or [mwade@archkck.org](mailto:mwade@archkck.org).

## COME VISIT OUR OPEN HOUSES!

SCAN QR CODES TO LEARN MORE FROM EACH HIGH SCHOOL!

BISHOP MIEGE  
SATURDAY  
OCTOBER 21



BISHOP WARD  
THURSDAY  
NOVEMBER 9



ST. JAMES ACADEMY  
SATURDAY  
NOVEMBER 11



SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS  
SATURDAY  
NOVEMBER 18



Be the change.

Help change a life. Give blood.



## Blood Drive Savior Pastoral Center

In the Gym  
12601 Parallel Parkway  
Kansas City, KS 66109

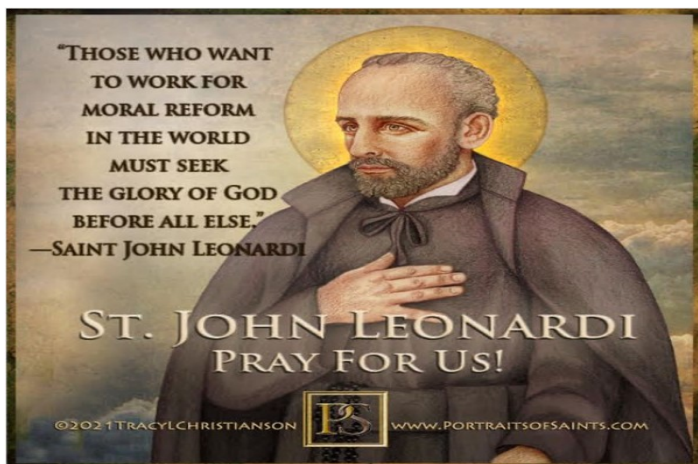
**Tuesday, October 24, 2023**  
**10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://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](http://rcblood.org/lunch)

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## Saint John Leonard

1541-1609

**Feast Day: October 9**

Patronage: Pharmacists, Clerics Regular of the Mother of God, Lucca

Saint John Leonardi, an Italian who studied to be a pharmacist, but became a priest who's a model for today's clergy. He worked in hospitals and prisons caring for the sick, physically and spiritually. He founded a new congregation of diocesan priests, implemented the Council of Trent reforms, founded a Vatican department now called The Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples and published a compendium of Christian doctrine. He died while caring for plague-stricken souls.

## CHRIST THE KING PRO LIFE PRAYER VIGIL

ADORATION 7PM-8AM

- Intercession
- Reparation
- Communion



**FRIDAY BEFORE THIRD SATURDAY  
OF EACH MONTH**

**CONTACT@CTKKCK.ORG 913.287.8823**

**3024 N. 53RD KANSAS CITY, KS**



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Dr. Kevin Vogt, Director

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH, 2023 @ 7:00 PM**

**St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Parish**  
14251 Nall Avenue, Leawood, KS 66223

Kindly RSVP to Mary Ann Caffrey: (913) 345-8210 or maryannpiano@sbcglobal.net