



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Parable of the Talents

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time November 19, 2023 Matthew 25: 14-30

Parish Office:

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

Office: (913) 371-0627

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

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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

Mr. Tony Locatelli, Music Director

Mass Schedule:

Saturday at 4 pm

(at Holy Family in November)

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

I am sorry I was unable to write the column last week. It was a busy week and the time I had set aside to write the column got consumed with an urgent situation that needed to be dealt with. This week even though it has been busy has been calmer and I am delighted to be able to share with you this week of what's going on.

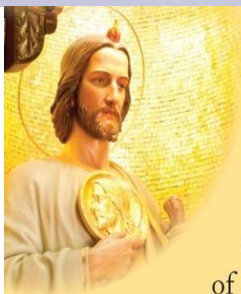
As we all know, we are preparing for the upcoming celebration of Thanksgiving this week. It is always a time to pause and to reflect on what we are grateful for. I hope and pray that for each one of you the list of what you are grateful for is long.

A couple of weeks ago now I received a communication from a priest who wanted to visit St. John's. I made arrangements to meet him and have a wonderful visit with him. This priest was from Croatia and was doing some studies in Columbia. He had learned that there was a Croatian parish in Kansas City and desired to visit. His time was short, but his joy was great. For him visiting St. John's was like a piece of home in a foreign country. Both at St. John's and at Holy Family we have a rich heritage for which we are grateful.

As we give thanks this week for this and so much more in our lives let our Thanksgiving be born into gratitude and joy.

Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

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



St. Jude Prayer of Thanksgiving

I receive the gifts of God with a grateful spirit. St. Jude, help me to see the blessings that surround me and give me life. I offer you my prayer of thanksgiving. Give me the grace to be ever thankful for the love and mercy of God and the gift of life each day. May this gratitude inspire me to give generously in all ways to others. Be with me now, St. Jude. Linger with me in gratitude, and let thanks fill my heart, washing away all pain and trouble. May I desire nothing except to be in your presence, walking with you in the world to spread hope, love and thanksgiving among all of God's children. Amen.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, November 19-

9am- Nikola & Ana Kucenic
Charles "Jake" Sutulovich
Mary Ann Mikesic
Peter Baric

Thursday, November 23-

8:30am- Nikola Kolich
Rosa & Josip Nikola & Family

Saturday November 25-

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

Sunday, November 26-

9am- Mike Zeljeznjak
Ivan Zeleznak
John F. Novak
Donna & David Boan

LITURGICAL MINISTRY - NOVEMBER

November 19, 2023-

Lectors: A. Dordevic, M. Garcia
Eucharistic Ministers: M. Tomasic
Servers: M. Viskovic, A. Morrow
Sacristans: B. Horvat

November 23, 2023-

Lectors: M. Garcia
Eucharistic Ministers: G. Garcia
Servers: A. Garcia
Sacristans: B. Horvat

November 26, 2023-

Lectors: S. Taylor, M. Viskovic
Eucharistic Ministers: A. Kucenic
Servers: I. Dordevic
Sacristans: H. Hughes, W. Christ

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Sun, 11/05/23

Envelopes:	3588.00
Loose:	91.00
Building Fund:	200.00
Candles:	137.50
Poor Box:	18.01
All Saints:	80.00
Mass Intentions:	70.00
In Memory of:	50.00
(Ramona Garcia)	



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St. John the Baptist



Prayer Requests

Pope Francis I, Judi Tucci, Susanna Laundy, 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

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Will be celebrated on Thursday, **November 23, 2022** at **8:30 a.m.** at St. John the Baptist Church for both of the parishes. (SJB & HF) **Office will be closed Thanksgiving day & Friday 11/24**

Sponsored by Altar Society. CATHOLIC CHARITIES HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE, November 19th to Dec 31st. Please bring nonperishable items that are not expired. Items can be placed in the boxes located at the church entrances

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ALTAR SOCIETY ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023
HOLY MASS - 9:00A.M.

CHRISTMAS BRUNCH AFTER MASS, STRAWBERRY HILL MUSEUM

**WEAR YOUR FAVORITE
CHRISTMAS ATTIRE!**



Food Drive

Food Collection (non-perishable) will begin **November 19th thru December 31st.** Items can be placed in the vestibule at the back of church or dropped off in the church basement. Please check the expiration dates. Proceeds go to Catholic Charities.

Pregnancy Maintenance Initiative items will be collected from **November 19th thru December 31st.** Onesies, diapers, baby wipes, baby shampoo, and baby lotion will be collected to create gift bags for expecting mothers. Proceeds go to the Wyandotte Pregnancy Center. Items can be placed in the vestibule in the back of the church .

Church Cleaning

Christmas Church cleaning will be on **December 14th at 9:00am.**

The Fall Apple Strudel Pick Up!!

Thank you to all who have ordered Strudels. They will be ready for pick-up *Sat. Nov. 18, 2023 3-6pm* and after *9:00am Mass Sun. Nov. 19, 2023* in the church basement. Please also check out the Christmas Boutique



DISPLAY OF NATIVITIES

The Cathedral of St Peter Parish, Kansas City, Kansas is hosting a Nativity Display in the Parish Center on Saturday, December 2nd after the 4 pm Mass and on Sunday, December 3rd from 9 am – 2 pm.

Over 200 unique nativities will be on display. Come and enjoy a magical experience that reflects the true meaning of Christmas. Shop the holiday boutique for tasty holiday treats, and there will be a raffle. Admission is FREE. Please call or text Julie at 913-515-0675 for additional information.

Archbishop Naumann has appointed Friday, December 1 as an Archdiocesan Day of Prayer and Fasting for peace in the Holy Land. All of the faithful are encouraged to ask Almighty God to grant peace and stability in the midst of the present war between Hamas and Israel. In addition to prayer, we are asked to fast and make personal sacrifices for the cause of peace, and to invoke the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, under her title Queen of Palestine, and all the saints, for the needs of all those suffering from the conflict and continued violence.

A "Lunch and Learn" on Estate Planning with Wills and Trusts Plus End of the Year Charitable Tax Saving Strategies. Lunch sponsored by the Cathedral of St. Peter. Presentation by estate planning attorney Casey Connealy. Wednesday, December 6, 2023 Noon - 1:00 PM, Cathedral of St. Peter, 409 North 15th Street, Kansas City, KS, 66102 Register online at cfnek.org/events or call 913-647-0365. Thank you for your help!

USHERS NEEDED!

If you would like to usher at any of our weekend Masses, please call the church office at 913-371-0627

If anyone is interested in serving as a Sacristan in 2024 for our Saturday or Sunday Masses, please contact the church office. The time commitment is one hour before Mass preparing the church and altar and about 20 minutes after Mass. Training and written instructions will be provided.

Looking for a unique dining experience on the Hill?

One with atmosphere and tradition? Look no further than **The Club at St. John's** located at 414 Barnett KCKS 66101.

Fine dining at its best. Complete selection of comfort food, grilled or fried. Along with a wide assortment of cereal malt beverages, aka beers. Stop by during business hours or public events to try it for yourself. Open weeknights, Tuesday through Thursday for your dining pleasure. See ya soon!!!!

Advent Silent Retreat Christ's Peace House of Prayer

22131 Meager Rd., Easton

Friday, December 1st at 5:30pm– Sunday, December 3rd at 4:30pm

Prepare your hearts for the coming of the Lord this Advent as we explore the essence and promise of the Advent Season and gain a new understanding of the coming of Christ. 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.



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REFLECTIONS
A WORLD MUSIC & DANCE PRODUCTION

THE ROSE THEATRE
ROCKHURST HIGH SCHOOL
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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH, 2023
@ 3:00PM

TICKET PRICES VARY - STARTING AT \$23
SCAN THE QR CODE
OR CALL (412) 224-2071

MORE INFO: WWW.THETAMBURITZANS.ORG



The Final Performance of Kolograd

Dec. 2nd

**Kolograd's
A Christmas
Story Dance**

Jim Baric 913-563-0625	Joe Baric 913-558-3528	Phil Ashley 816-210-9035
	Kenny Yarnevich 913-238-9648	


TICKETS \$10 12 AND UNDER FREE

Doors open @ 5:00 p.m.

Tickets at the door or @ St. John's Club

MUSIC, DANCING, FOOD, DRINKS, RAFFLES, PHOTO BOOTH

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IN THE PAST YEAR, NEARLY **60,341** of the most vulnerable in our communities received help, hope and hospitality through one of our more than 30 programs throughout the 21 counties of our Archdiocese.

Thank You

MORE THAN **\$8.6 MILLION** worth of food, including **421,042 lbs of food donated by parishes and schools**, was distributed through our eight food pantries to families and individuals unable to afford the rising cost of groceries.

\$1.3 MILLION in Direct Financial Assistance kept the utilities on and rent paid for families facing homelessness, eviction or disconnection.



Learn how your donation helps families:
catholiccharitiesks.org/impact

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RURAL YM OUTREACH PRESENTS

THE KINGDOM COMES
ADVENT TOUR



9-10 DEC

SATURDAY, DEC 9, 2023
STS. PETER & PAUL, SENECA

SUNDAY, DEC 10, 2023
ELEANOR'S WHITE BARN, SCRANTON

FEATURING THE JOSH BLAKESLEY BAND

7:00 PM
ALL AGES WELCOME!

For more information:
785-221-2644 ruralyouth@archkck.org www.archkck.org/rural/events