



# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe  
November 26, 2023 Matthew 25: 31-46

## 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

Mr. Tony Locatelli, Music Director

## Mass Schedule:

Saturday at 4 pm

(at St. John the Baptist in December)

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 hope and pray that everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving! For the last two weeks Fr. Peter and I have had a very good priest friend visit us. It has been a great joy to have him with us. The gift of friendship is a great gift. For St Augustine our search for God always was with others. The scripture "where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them" comes alive. This Sunday we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. We acknowledge the Kingship of Christ. Let us also remember that our King is also our friend. As we conclude our thanksgiving celebrations and look forward to our Christmas celebrations let us allow our encounters with others to be a time of not only growing closer to one another but also a time of growing closer to our God.

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



Jesus said to his disciples:

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory,  
and all the angels with him,  
he will sit upon his glorious throne,  
and all the nations will be assembled before him.  
And he will separate them one from another,  
as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.  
He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

Then the king will say to those on his right,  
'Come, you who are blessed by my Father.  
Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

For I was hungry and you gave me food,  
I was thirsty and you gave me drink,  
a stranger and you welcomed me,  
naked and you clothed me,  
ill and you cared for me,  
in prison and you visited me.'

Then the righteous will answer him and say,  
'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you,  
or thirsty and give you drink?

When did we see you a stranger and welcome you,  
or naked and clothe you?

When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?'

And the king will say to them in reply,  
'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did  
for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.'

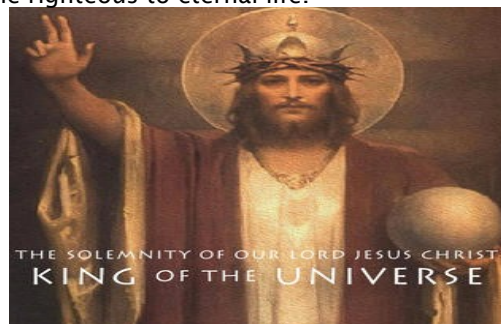
Then he will say to those on his left,  
'Depart from me, you accursed,  
into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.

For I was hungry and you gave me no food,  
I was thirsty and you gave me no drink,  
a stranger and you gave me no welcome,  
naked and you gave me no clothing,  
ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.'

Then they will answer and say,  
'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty  
or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison,  
and not minister to your needs?'

He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you,  
what you did not do for one of these least ones,  
you did not do for me.'

And these will go off to eternal punishment,  
but the righteous to eternal life."



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday, November 26- Our Lord Jesus Christ**

**9am-** Mike Zeljeznjak **King of the Universe**  
Ivan Zeleznak  
John F. Novak  
Donna & David Boan

**Thursday, November 30- St. Andrew, Apostle**

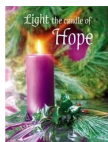
**8am-** Bozi Colman  
Eugene Sostarich  
Robert J. Delich  
Stipe Sabljak, Walter & Draga Gasparovich

**Saturday December 2- Blessed Virgin Mary  
First Saturday**

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

**Sunday, December 3- First Sunday of Advent**

**9am-** Loretta & Albert Gorsky  
Dorothy Bednar  
Michael & Kathy Tomas  
Family Suljak & Family Livojevic



## LITURGICAL MINISTRY - NOV-DEC

**November 26, 2023-**

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

**December 2-3 2023-**

**Lectors:** B. Horvat ; G. Garcia, M. Viskovic  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** S. Morrow ; M. Garcia  
**Servers:** A. Morrow ; A. Garcia  
**Sacristans:** M. Foster, J. Foster ; P. Hill, P. Mikesic

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Sun, 11/19/23

Envelopes:	3,898.00
Loose:	22.00
Building Fund:	300.00
Candles:	127.50
Poor Box:	40.00
All Saints:	1,020.00
Campaign for Human Development:	105.00
In Memory of: (Loren Taylor)	65.00



QR Code for Online  
Giving to  
St. John the Baptist



## Prayer Requests

Pope Francis I, Judi Tucci, Dianna Stimac, Irene Delich, George Fracul, Karen Novak, Ana Piskuric, Chris Braun, Special Intention, In Thanksgiving, for all those who suffer from homelessness, 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**-due to **AS Christmas Brunch**- The event will be hosted by the **Parish Council** in the church basement after the 9am Mass on **Sunday December 10th**, 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.

## 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**.

## 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!**



Please submit any bulletin news and events by Wednesday afternoon to the Parish office by phone or email to [ourcroatianparish@gmail.com](mailto:ourcroatianparish@gmail.com)



## Peace in the Womb Christmas Caroling

**Sat. Dec 9th at 9:00 a.m.**

In the Christmas story, hope enters the world through the birth of a child, even in the midst of difficult circumstances. Join us as we sing Christmas carols to share this hope where it is needed the most – the abortion facility right here in our community.

**Saturday, December 9, 9:00 am**

At the Planned Parenthood in KCK  
6013 Leavenworth Rd in Kansas City, KS  
For more information,  
contact **Tina Jinkens**,  
Planned Parenthood Exposed at  
785) 615-8373

## DISPLAY OF NATIVITIES

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

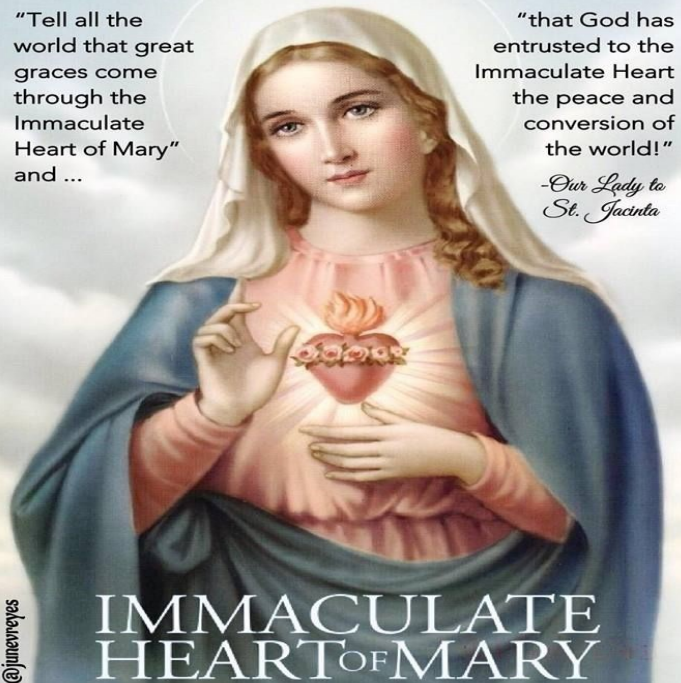
Over 200 unique nativities will be on display. Come and enjoy a magical experience that reflects the true meaning of Christmas. Shop the holiday boutique for tasty holiday treats, and there will be a raffle. Admission is FREE. Please call or text Julie at 913-515-0675 for additional information.

## FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

"Tell all the world that great graces come through the Immaculate Heart of Mary" and ...

"that God has entrusted to the Immaculate Heart the peace and conversion of the world!"

*-Our Lady to St. Jacinta*



## TASTE OF KCK

**January 27, 2024**

An evening of food,  
culture, and  
community benefiting  
the students of  
Resurrection Catholic  
School.



## BUILDING A CIVILIZATION OF LOVE

Official Family Newsletter of the Archdiocese of KCK



**CHECK OUT OUR NEWSLETTER!**



**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.



## **Date Night**

Saturday, December 2, 2023

6:30 PM 7:45 PM

Classic Cup Cafe (KC Plaza)

**You're invited to KC's Beloved Event for Catholic Married Couples!**

Our beloved signature event for married couples of all ages. ***We start your date*** with happy hour, appetizers, and a brief talk on faith, marriage, family... ***You finish your date*** at home or out on the town.

[www.schoolofloveusa.com/date-night](http://www.schoolofloveusa.com/date-night)



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

TICKETS  
\$10

Kenny Yarnevich  
913-238-9648  
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

ST. JOHNS GYM  
414 BARNETT AVE.  
KANSAS CITY KS. 66102



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## Feast of St. Andrew the Apostle

"As [Jesus] was walking by the sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is now called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, 'Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.' At once they left their nets and followed him"

Pray for us!

November 30 - Feast Day Day



## HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Your generous support for **Resurrection Catholic School** and our students fills us with gratitude. As Thanksgiving approaches, we extend our heartfelt wishes to you and your family for a joyous celebration.

