



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

2nd Sunday of Lent

February 18, 2024



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Parish Office:

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

Office: (913) 371-0627

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

Web: stjohnthebaptistcatholicchurch.com

Email: 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, JV, VF, Pastor

Mrs. Wendy Christ, Administrative Assistant

Mr. Tony Locatelli, Music Director

Mass Schedule:

Saturday at 4 pm

(at St. John the Baptist in February)

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

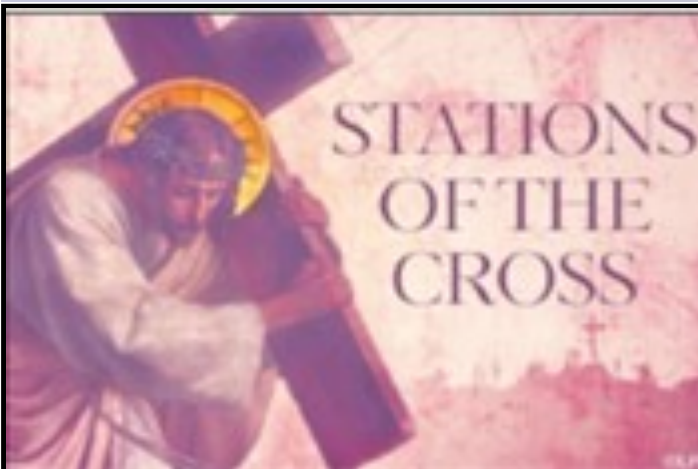
Prayer Line (913) 281-4448

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

- Mark 1:12-15

Pope Francis has asked parishes throughout the world to support the **Pontifical Good Friday Collection**, which helps Christians in the Holy Land where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to reserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including Jerusalem, Bethlehem and Nazareth, to name only a few. The pandemic had hit Christians in the Holy Land particularly hard. Most of them depend on pilgrimages for work. The recent war has decimated the pilgrimage industry in the Holy Land. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is necessary to meet the basic need of the People of God still living in the Land and to maintain a Christian presence where the Church was born. Join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Please be generous. For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org.



Join Us for Stations of the Cross Every Friday During Lent!!

5:30p.m. - Croatian

Your presence is warmly welcomed as we come together for this meaningful Lenten tradition.

Keeping In Touch

Keeping in Touch will follow next week!

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



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, February 18-

9am- Nikola & Magda Sestric
Milan Gasparovic
Miho & Magda Kucenic
Andjelka Radmilic-Jackson

Thursday, February 22-

8am- Anne Ozbolt

Saturday February 24-

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

Sunday, February 25-

9am- Miho & Milka Car
Peter, Barbara & Helena Car
Deceased of Schwab Family
Fanika & Rafael Lozancic

LITURGICAL MINISTRY - FEBRUARY

February 17-18 , 2023-

Lectors: M. Grisnik ; V. Tomasic, M. Piskuric
Eucharistic Ministers: T. Jaksetic ; M. Tomasic
Servers: A. Morrow ; A. Garcia
Sacristans: T. Jaksetic, C. Delich ;
S. Sandelich, G. Garcia

February 24-25 , 2023-

Lectors: G. Garcia ; C. Schneider, M. Viskovic
Eucharistic Ministers: M. Garcia ; A. Kucenic
Servers: A. Garcia ; M. Viskovic
Sacristans: J. Lally, C. Kolich ; P. Mikesic, P. Hill

*Please submit any bulletin news and events by
Wednesday afternoon to the Parish office by phone
or email to ourcroatianparish@gmail.com*

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

	<u>Sat.2/10/24</u>	<u>Sun.2/11/24</u>
Envelopes:	2305.00	2236.00
Loose:	334.00	65.00
Building Fund:	270.00	100.00
Candles:	81.50	94.50
Poor Box:		36.00
Black Indian Mission:		10.00
Central Eastern Europe:	5.00	30.00
Latin America :	5.00	
In Memory of :		100.00
(Danny Brooks)		
Donation :		10.00



*QR Code for Online
Giving to
St. John the Baptist*



Prayer Requests

Pope Francis I, Millie Sambol, Michele McKeever, Donna Christ, Sarah Skradski Coleman, James Lipovac, Dianna Stimac, Chris Braun, Irene Delich, Ana Piskuric, George Fracul, Karen Novak, 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

Lenten Bible Study

The Gospel of Mark, starting *Tuesday, February 13, 2024, from 10:30-11:30am* at **Holy Family School First Classroom**. ~Sr. Marie Kathleen

LENTEN MORNING RETREAT

Given by **Fr. Richard Gielow, C.M.**

Thursday, March 7th

Beginning with 8 am Mass; ending 12 pm.

At St. John the Baptist Catholic Church,
708 N. 4th Street, Kansas City, KS 66101

Free Will Donation; Light refreshments

ALL are welcome RSVP St. John the Baptist Catholic Church: 913-371-0627

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2024

Archdiocesan 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration *June 2nd, 2024, 2:00 pm*, **Church of the Nativity/ Leawood** To receive your invitation from **Archbishop Naumann**, please call the parish office and give us your name, address, phone number and date of your wedding. Please do this as soon as possible.

The Enderle-Bogenrife Scholarship Endowment:

Mary Rose Enderle and Richard Bogenrife have established a scholarship endowment for Catholic students living in Leavenworth and Wyandotte counties that plan on attending a trade or vocational school. Most trade and vocational programs are available through community and technical colleges. The scholarship award is for tuition up to \$5,000.00. To request a scholarship application please email Dave Hernandez at landofoz1239@sunflower.com or call 913-369-2718. Scholarship application deadline is May 1, 2024.

Trash Bags for Sale

We have trash bags for sale in the rectory.

Yellow bags are 39 gal 25/roll,

White bags are 15 gal 65/roll,

Blue bags are 55 gal 16/roll,

cost per roll is \$12.00.

Please stop by the church office during

business hours of 8:30am-5pm to get yours!

All proceeds will support our Parish. Thank You.



ENCOUNTER SCHOOL OF HEALING

TEACHING, ACTIVATING & DEPLOYING CATHOLICS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HEALING MINISTRY OF JESUS Jesus never proclaimed the Gospel without demonstrating it in power and love. Jesus' healing ministry is at the heart of His Gospel of power and He expects His disciples to minister His healing on the earth (cf Mk 16:15-20). The Encounter School of Healing will teach and equip you to partner with the power of the Holy Spirit to experience healing miracles in the world around you. Healing is Jesus' idea and it is essential to the effective evangelization of our city and nation. Come experience the greater works Jesus has in store for you.

Friday, April 12: 6:30p-9:30p |

Saturday, April 13: 9a-5p

Information and Registration: encounter.school.org/kansas-city

Lent is a perfect time to make positive changes in your life to grow closer to God. Has a past abortion made you feel alienated from God? Are you having a hard time seeking forgiveness, or forgiving yourself? Project Rachel is offering a Saturday Retreat to address these issues and much more. Please join our "Unfailing Mercy" retreat in a judgment-free environment. Confidentiality is our priority.

Saturday, March 9th, 2024 Time: 8:30am - 4:00pm

Location: Lenexa (address given after registration)
Continental Breakfast, Lunch and Materials provided. To register contact: projectrachelkc@archkck.org

or call/text 913-621-2199

Deadline to register: 3/4/24

Shepherd Field Group - Holy Land

OLIVE WOOD CARVINGS & CRAFTS SALE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Our friends from Bethlehem in the Holy Land are going to be at Holy Family Church, Sunday February 18. They come to us to sell the olive wood carvings and crafts that are hand made by the Christians in the Holy Land. This is their main source of income.

We need to support these people by buying their beautiful olive wood carvings and crafts so we can help Christian families stay in the Holy Land. Pray for the Christians in the Holy Land and support them so we all can do our part to keep our Christian bells ringing in the Holy Land. Thanks and God bless. www.shepherds-field.com

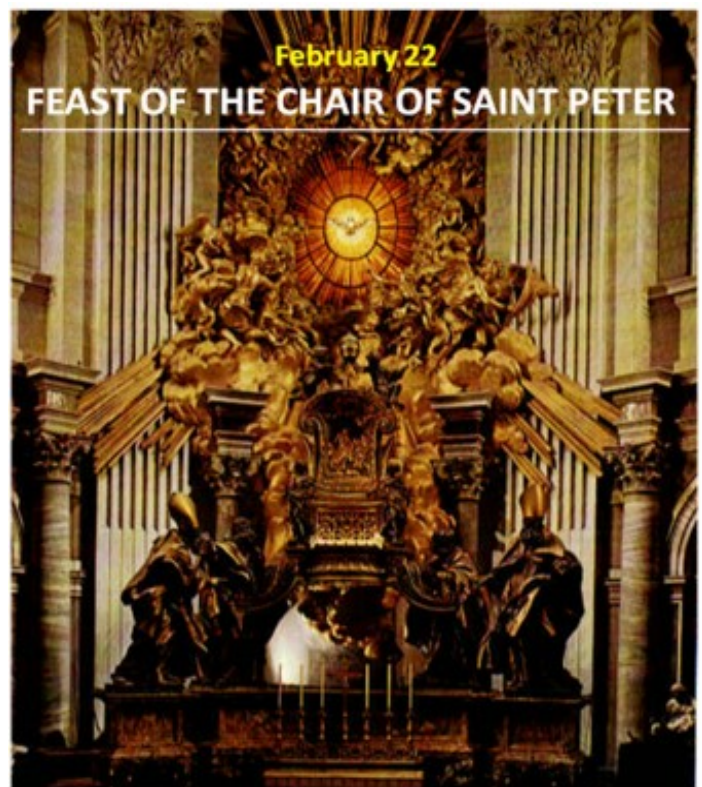


CALL TO SHARE 2024 **PARISH TARGET: \$19,822** **February 11, 2024**

Today's Gospel said that Jesus "remained in the desert for forty days" (Mark 1:13, emphasis added). Remaining with Jesus in the desert is not easy. (Welcome to Lent.)

Further driving home how difficult it is to follow him, in Luke's Gospel, Jesus warns, "If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily" (Luke 9:23). Yet on another note, in John's Gospel, Jesus commands us, "Remain in my love" (John 15:9). Remaining in Jesus' love isn't easy, either—especially when it involves the desert.

Feeling like it's too difficult to do this by ourselves is okay. It's often exactly where God wants us—because it pushes us to rely on him. That can be a place of profound growth. Our parish, and those we serve, relies on you to help us meet our many needs and the needs of our community. As you lift the cross Jesus asks of you this Lent, please remember our Archbishop's Call to Share appeal. We are counting on you. This Lent, count on us, and count on God! We'll walk in the desert with you.



"You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell will not prevail against it." - Matthew 16:18

February Fun



St. Mary – St. Anthony Church

Bishop Forst Hall

615 North 7th Street, Kansas City, KS 66101

Sunday, February 18th - 2:00 P.M.

Win **Poviticas** & **Apple Strudels**

\$5 admission

for a card, desserts, popcorn, coffee

Additional Cards may be purchased

Back by Popular Demand

Lenten Shrimp Dinners



Friday February 23, 5:30 pm

Friday March 15th, 5:30 pm

Dinner includes:

**Jumbo Shrimp Corn on the Cob-
Hushpuppies-Potatoes-Salad and Bread
\$20.00 Donation**

RSVP by calling:

Larry Steele 913-956-2096
Or the Club 913-371-9690

Upstairs, In the GYM, or Carry Out

Hosted by:

St. John's Catholic Club

414 Barnett Kansas City, KS 66101

CHILDREN WELCOME w/ Special Pricing



Please bring non-perishable food and personal items (especially diapers and baby supplies) for the St. John's Church pantry. The need is great.



Join us for Game Night at the PAL!

Sat., Feb. 24, 2024

We wanted you to be the first to know that we're hosting Game Night at the PAL on Sat., Feb. 24, 2024 at the Police Athletic League of KCK!

Great prizes for Bingo and great fun for your group! You'll enjoy dinner, drinks and fun! All proceeds support the PAL's terrific free youth development programs.

\$65.00 Tickets available at door includes dinner, drinks, bingo!!
Get your tickets early – they'll be offered to the general public in just a few days!

Doors open at 5:00pm
Play begins at 6:00pm

800 North 5th Street
Kansas City, KS 66101

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Catholic Schools
ARCHDIOCESE OF KANSAS CITY IN KANSAS

Discover Day
A Teacher Recruitment Event

March 2, 2024

9 - 11 AM

Savior Pastoral Center

12601 Parallel Pkwy

Kansas City, KS 66109

Stop by between 9 and 11 AM to learn about:

- Curriculum
- Teacher PD and faith formation
- Job openings
- Application process
- & more!

RSVP encouraged at archkckcs.org/register

Dear Families,

This Lent, our community will participate in CRS Rice Bowl, a Catholic Relief Services program that invites us to encounter God and our global family through prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Through CRS Rice Bowl, we will encounter communities in Uganda, El Salvador and Indonesia and learn how issues like hunger and climate change are impacting our sisters and brothers around the world. Together, we will reflect on our participation in the body of Christ and how the Eucharist—the Bread of Life—compels us to share bread *for* life with all members of our human family.

Alongside thousands of Catholic faith communities across the United States, our Lenten alms will make a difference in the lives of millions of people worldwide. Together as a Church, we can support people who seek to build a better future for themselves and their communities.

CRS Rice Bowl provides resources for daily reflection throughout the liturgical season. Consider these suggestions in your family's Lenten plan:

- Use your CRS Rice Bowl and Lenten Calendar each day to guide your prayer, fasting and almsgiving.
- Visit crsricebowl.org to read weekly Stories of Hope and watch the accompanying videos.

Use the CRS Rice Bowl recipes from crsricebowl.org/recipe to prepare simple, meatless meals on the Fridays of Lent to eat in solidarity with our global family.

During this holy season, may your Lenten journey be a transformative and enriching experience as you put your faith into action for our sisters and brothers experiencing the greatest need.

CRS Rice Bowls will be collected at the end of Lent, so stay tuned to learn more. Thank you for participating in CRS Rice Bowl with your family.

Sincerely,



SECOND WEEK OF LENT OVERCOMING HUNGER

In Akwangagwel, Uganda, the climate is very hot and dry. Farmers in this region depend heavily on the rainy season for a successful harvest. But lately—due to the changing climate—the rain has been coming later than it used to and is more inconsistent. Sometimes, when it does rain, it causes flooding and ruins the crops. Learn how Adolf and Florence have taken the matter into their own hands, implementing new farming techniques they learned from a Catholic Relief Services program to improve their farm and fight against hunger in their community. Visit crsricebowl.org to read this week's Story of Hope.



Runnin' With the Revs Games All are invited to cheer on your favorite priest or student player at the Runnin' With the Revs basketball game on *Monday, April 8th* at **St. James Academy** in Lenexa or *Monday, April 15th* at **Hayden High School** in Topeka. Both games begin at 7 pm. Priests will be teamed up with 8th grade and high school students from area Catholic schools in an exciting game of basketball. Bring your family and friends to enjoy this fun event. Donations collected will benefit our seminarians. Please see attached flyer or visit archkck.org/vocations-runnin-with-the-revs/ for details

