



# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

2nd Sunday of Lent

February 25, 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](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, JV, VF, Pastor

Mrs. Wendy Christ, Administrative Assistant

Mr. Tony Locatelli, Music Director

## Mass Schedule:

Saturday at 4 pm

(at Holy Family in March)

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

(913) 281-4448

## Prayer Line

**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](http://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

First of all I am sorry that I didn't have this column last week. A priest friend of mine had passed away suddenly and was being buried in New Orleans. I made the quick trip to attend his funeral and in the midst of travelling I ran out of time to prepare the column. As we know it is always hard to say goodbye to someone and especially when the death is sudden. I had received an email from this priest about a week before his accident. Neither one of us could have imagined that within weeks I would be attending his funeral. This past week I received word that another priest who I knew and worked with as a Canon lawyer had passed away. He too died suddenly. Both of these priests were in their seventies.

It is at times like this that I am very starkly reminded of the shortness of our lives and the call of the Lord to always be ready, but we do not know the hour or the day.

As we continue in our Lenten journey, let us seek that conversion of life that leaves us ready to meet the Lord whenever he calls. I would also ask if you have a spare moment to offer a prayer for the repose of the souls of Monsignor Calkins and Father Smilanic. May their souls and all the souls the faithful departed rest in peace.

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

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday, February 25-**

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

**Thursday, February 29-**

**8am-**

**Saturday March 2-**

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

**Sunday, March 3-**

**9am-** George Gray Jr.  
Nick & Joe Fabina  
Ivan Vardijan  
William Strumillo

## LITURGICAL MINISTRY - FEB-MARCH

**February 24-25 , 2024-**

**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

**March 3 , 2024-**

**Lectors:** M. Viskovic, B. Horvat  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** N. Gasparovic  
**Servers:** M. Viskovic  
**Sacristans:** B. Horvat, K. Moutray

### Altar Society Meeting

The Altar Society will have our first meeting of 2024 on **March 10th** following Mass. We will discuss the upcoming Palm Sunday Bake Sale, Easter Church Cleaning, and the Father's Day Breakfast. Refreshments will be provided. All ladies are welcome to join!

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

	<u>Wed.2/14</u>	<u>Sat.2/17</u>	<u>Sun.2/18/24</u>
<b>Envelopes:</b>	975.00	380.00	1572.00
<b>Loose:</b>	388.65	132.00	59.00
<b>Building Fund:</b>	537.00	20.00	500.00
<b>Candles:</b>	91.00	65.80	86.00
<b>Poor Box:</b>			68.00
<b>Black &amp; Indian:</b>	45.00	250.00	98.00



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## 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

### Coffee and Donut Sunday

The event will be hosted by the **Seniors** in the church basement after the 9am Mass on **Sunday March 3th**, 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*, 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.

### 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**

**Holy Week Silent Retreat:** "Have you not heard?"

Christ's Peace House of Prayer 22131 Meager Rd., Easton **Friday, March 22nd at 5:30pm - Sunday, March 24th at 4:30pm** Have we actually deeply heard the good news of Jesus' passion, death and resurrection? Have you been transformed by God's holy fire of selfless love? On this silent retreat over Palm Sunday Weekend, we hope to enkindle within you the desire to accept this tremendous gift accessible to those with ears to hear. The readings from the Triduum liturgies will be the match to set us ablaze. There are conferences, spiritual direction, 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](http://ChristsPeace.com) or call 913.773.8255.

### Wine and Wisdom event

Join us on **March 14, 2024** at **St. Joseph's Catholic Church**, 11311 Johnson Drive, Shawnee, KS 66203.

The event will begin at 5:30 PM with a social and wine tasting, followed by a presentation at 6:00 PM. Bill Eckert will speak on "Tax Reducing Strategies for Pre- and Post- Retirees." Register at: [www.cfnek.org/events/wine-and-wisdom-1](http://www.cfnek.org/events/wine-and-wisdom-1)

**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](http://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](mailto:projectrachelkc@archkck.org) or call/text 913-621-2199  
**Deadline to register: 3/4/24**



Please save the date for the **Catholic Education Foundation's** annual **Gaudeamus** gala on Saturday, *October 12, 2024* at the Overland Park Convention Center. A celebration of the truth, beauty and goodness of Catholic education, this year's event will honor **Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann** for his incredible legacy of support for our students and schools. More information about CEF and Gaudeamus can be found at <https://www.cefgala.org>

**CALL TO SHARE 2024**  
**PARISH TARGET: \$19,822**  
**Total Raised : \$9,120**  
**Reported as of February 18, 2024**

As the second week of Lent begins, the Church invites us to contemplate the transfigured Jesus with Peter, James, and John: "His clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them" (Mark 9:3).

Before he suffered his Passion, Jesus gave his three closest friends a glimpse into his glorified nature—a glimpse of where he could take them. God loves us where we are and loves us too much to leave us where we are.

We can radiate divine light like Jesus. When we receive Jesus into our hearts, he transfigures us. We can shine with his joy, love, and serenity. He wants to transfigure our whole parish! Please support our Archbishop's Call to Share appeal so we can have all the resources we need to shine the way He wishes us to, so we can reach all those He longs for in our community. "I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth" (Isaiah 49:6).

CALL TO SHARE

Scan to donate or visit [Mission.ArchKCK.org](http://Mission.ArchKCK.org)

Your gift to Archbishop's Call to Share supports the Catholic Community Health Ministry

**CALL TO SHARE PROGRESS REPORT**  
**SJB- KC-Parish Goal~ \$19,822**

As of February 18, 2024 67 gifts were received for a total of \$17,413 (total is updated monthly)

Prayerfully consider making a gift to those in need. Thank you! [Mission.Archkck.org](http://Mission.Archkck.org)

Thank you so much for supporting the Archbishop's Call to Share! You and your parishioners make a difference in people's lives. The success of ACTS is a true reflection of the generosity and service of you and your parishioners.

