



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Laetare Sunday

March 10, 2024 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

John 3: 14-21

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 Holy Family in March)

Sunday at 9 am

Thursday at 8 am

Parish Ministries:

Finance Council

Parish Council

Altar Society

St. John's Club

Richard Sambol

Don Taylor

Kelly Moutray

Ken Yarnevich

913-371-9690

(913) 281-4448

Prayer Line

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

It is hard to believe that we are half-way through Lent. In spite of the busyness of life, this is a reminder for us to focus in on the purpose of Lent and see how we are doing in turning our lives more closely in line with the life of Christ. I hope and pray that this is a good Lent and that this reminder will lead us to even a better Lent so that we may truly celebrate the new life that Christ gives at Easter. Having mentioned the busyness of life, this past week was busy with meetings and this week to come I will have a meeting that will be all day long in which we will look to the allocation of the funds raised in the Archbishop's Call to Share.

As I have mentioned previously, the need is always far greater than what we collect. Having looked at the information that was sent me to prepare for the meeting this year is going to be no different and we will have the hard task of not being able to give the necessary funds to all those who requested them. Again all the funds raised in the Archbishop's Call to Share go directly to support various ministries throughout the Archdiocese that directly impact the lives of the people of the Archdiocese. Even though we are meeting, it is still not too late to make a contribution to the Archbishop's Call to Share. As you can see in the bulletin, we have not yet met our targets. So again, I encourage you to give generously. No gift is too small. No gift is too great. I want to thank all of those who have already given to the Archbishop's Call to Share. Know that my gratitude pales in comparison to the gratitude of the ministries that are supported by the Archbishop's Call to Share and touch the lives of the people of the Archdiocese. Thank you.

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



What is Laetare Sunday?

The fourth Sunday of Lent

Laetare means to rejoice

The day takes its name from the opening words of today's Mass:

"Laetare, Jerusalem"

"Rejoice, O Jerusalem"

Entrance Antiphon: Isaiah 66: 10-11

ALSO KNOWN AS:

Mothering
Sunday,
Refreshment
Sunday,
Mid-Lent
Sunday,
Mi-Carême,
Mediana or
Rose Sunday

SPRING FORWARD!

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS
SUNDAY MARCH 10TH
AT 2 AM LOCAL



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, March 10- Laetare Sunday

9am- Cena Cavlovic
David Sachen, Jake Sutulovich, Floyd Soptic
All Family of Jadranka Nikola Gojmerac
Kovac Family

Thursday, March 14- 8am-

Saturday March 16-

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

Sunday, March 17- St. Patrick's Day

9am- Kralj Family
Fabina Family
Pero & Dorothy Sutulovich
Frank & Mary Nahajzer

LITURGICAL MINISTRY - FEB-MARCH

March 10 , 2024-

Lectors: M. Piskuric, R. Sambol
Eucharistic Ministers: A. Kucenic
Servers: I. Dordevic
Sacristans: W. Christ, H. Koch

March 17 , 2024-

Lectors: A. Morrow, V. Tomasic
Eucharistic Ministers: M. Tomasic
Servers: A. Garcia, I. Dordevic
Sacristans: S. Sandelich, G. Garcia

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Sun. 3/3/24

Envelopes:	4401.00
Loose:	49.00
Building Fund:	690.00
Candles:	109.50
Poor Box:	15.00
Easter Flower Offering:	60.00
Food Kitchen:	100.00
Priest Retirement:	20.00
Donations:	350.00



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Giving to
St. John the Baptist



Prayer Requests

Pope Francis I, Jaydon Dextre, Mary Ann Stimac, 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

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!

Food Kitchen

Food Kitchen date is for **Monday March 11th**. 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 March 12th 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.

Monthly Senior Luncheon

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 **March 13th** starting at 11 am in the church basement.

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

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

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Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann and Bishop James V. Johnston will concelebrate a special Mass with Anointing of the Sick and ritual blessing of the sick, in the manner done at Lourdes, France, on **Saturday, March 23, 2024 at 10:00 AM** at **Cure of Ars Parish**, 94th and Mission Road, Leawood, Kansas. Mass will be preceded by the opportunity for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** from 9:00 to 9:45 AM. We encourage anyone who is sick, suffering, chronically ill, and their caregivers, to attend. All those attending will receive prayer cards and Lourdes water to take home. A short reception will be held after the Mass. If possible, please send the names of those who wish to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick to maltakc@yahoo.com or contact **Doug Rivard** at 913-620-1759.

10th Annual

ARCHBISHOP'S INVITATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ART EXHIBIT

"With the Heart of a Shepherd"

Savior Pastoral Center

12601 Parallel Pkwy
Kansas City, KS 66109

Dates of Exhibition:
March 1st - April 30th

MORE INFORMATION: CFNEK@ARCHKCK.ORG OR 913-647-3062



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

Jesus says in today's Gospel that "Whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God" (John 3:21).

Our parish wants to do everything in the light, so hungry souls can see Jesus living through us. Without His light, souls who need Jesus can't see that He lives in our parish, in our tabernacle.

Already more than halfway through Lent, the Church bids us rejoice! Laetare Sunday is a day of light. Jesus gave purpose and power to human suffering. "In the Lord your labor is not in vain" (1 Corinthians 15:58). When you support our Archbishop's Call to Share appeal, you help your neighbors find His light in the darkness and hope when it's needed most. May God be with you.



Scan to donate or visit
Share.ArchKCK.org

Your gift to Archbishop's Call to Share supports Religious Education



Help Catholic schools say yes to low-income students!

Make a gift to the CEF Scholarship Drive today.

Learn more and donate online at
CEFKS.org/ScholarshipDrive

Back by Popular Demand

Lenten Shrimp Dinners



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.

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

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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 or call 913.773.8255.

The Teacher Recruitment and Retention Task Force is seeking feedback from retired teachers that worked in any of the Archdiocesan Catholic schools.

Please take a moment to complete the anonymous survey at <https://forms.gle/NGfZUDr85UM3DDn59>.

Questions? Email

Felicia Holcomb at fholcomb@archkckcs.org.



A message from the Office for Protection & Care

If you suspect abuse...

First, make a confidential report to the Kansas Protection Report Center at (800) 922-5330.

Call law enforcement if the person is in immediate danger or injured.

Next, if the suspected abuse involves a cleric, employee, or volunteer of the Archdiocese, call the Archdiocesan Confidential Report Line at (913) 647-3051 or visit archkck.org/reportabuse.

 **Office for
Protection & Care**

The Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas | www.archkck.org

We are a community committed to preventing abuse. Our policies and programs prioritize safety of children and the vulnerable.

We care about survivors of abuse. Victim Care Advocate: (913) 298-9244




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STEVE BAHR
Polsinelli

MAY 8, 2024
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY
PARISH HALL
3800 W 119TH ST
LEAWOOD, KS 66209

www.cfnek.org/events

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.



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

MONTHLY PRO-LIFE PRAYER TO END ABORTION
Christ the King Church in Kansas City, KS, located at 53rd and Leavenworth Road, is hosting a monthly all-night adoration, Mass, and procession to beg for the protection of the unborn and the conversion of those seeking and providing abortions. The next Vigil and Mass will take place starting *Friday, March 15th from 7 p.m. till Saturday morning the 16th*, concluding with a bilingual Mass at 8 a.m. Then, we'll walk down Leavenworth Road to the Planned Parenthood clinic where we will pray until 10am. Please join us for part or all of this work of mercy. We are looking for adorers throughout the night, particularly able-bodied men to anchor the safety of the night hours. Please contact the **Christ the King** office to sign up for a slot, or for any questions: 913.287.8823 (call or text) contact@ctkkck.org

Croatian Open Golf Tournament is *May 17, 2024*. If you golfed last year please submit your team entry fee of \$400 **by April 22** to reserve your spot. After that date your spot is not guaranteed. Hole sponsorship is also very important to the success of the tournament. Sponsorship levels are \$100, \$250, and \$500. Proceeds will go towards bowling lane maintenance and support of a scholarship fund the Club is looking at starting up. Sponsorships forms are available in the back of the Church or at the Club. Any questions please email me.

Sachenjoe@gmail.com

