



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church



Palm Sunday Of The Passion Of The Lord March 24, 2024 Mk 14:1-15:47

Parish Office:

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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

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Keeping In Touch

It seems like yesterday it was Ash Wednesday and here we are entering into Holy Week! This past week besides my normal life of meetings and office work there were numerous times where I helped with confessions at various parishes. This coming week there will be more confessions as we prepare to recall the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord.

On Tuesday, the Archbishop along with the priests of the diocese will gather to celebrate the Chrism Mass. There will also be representatives from the parishes throughout the Archdiocese, as well as students from our Catholic high schools. At this Mass, there are basically two things that happen in addition to the celebration of the Eucharist. The first is that the priests renew the promises they made at their ordination. The second is that the Archbishop blesses and consecrates oils that are to be used in the administration of the Sacraments for the coming year. The three oils that are blessed and consecrated are the oil of Salvation which is used at baptisms, the oil of the Sick which is used in anointing of the sick, and the Sacred Chrism which is used for baptisms, ordinations, and various consecrations.

It is a very beautiful liturgy that I look forward to each year as it is a time to remember and to reaffirm the promises I made at my Priestly Ordination. I would ask that you please remember me and all priests on this day and to say a little prayer that we will be ardent and gentle preachers of the gospel and a faithful steward of the mysteries of God. Happy Holy Week!

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



Today is Palm Sunday which marks Jesus triumphal entry into Jerusalem. It is also the beginning of Holy Week.

The Church calls us to set aside our other activities, engagements and regular routines to come together as one, to pray, to celebrate, and to remember.

We encourage you, your family and friends to attend the liturgies of this sacred time as our journey that began with ashes ends in the glory of Easter!



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, March 24- Palm Sunday Passion Of The Lord
9am- Mike & Barbara & Anna Kralj
Eugene Sostarich
Anton & Lily Rendulic
Joe Schwab

Thursday, March 28- Holy Thursday
6:30pm- Mass at Holy Family

Friday, March 29- Good Friday
3pm- Service at St. John the Baptist

Saturday March 30- Holy Saturday
12pm- Blessing of the Food at St. John the Baptist
1pm- Blessing of the Food at Holy Family
8pm- **Easter Vigil Mass at St. John the Baptist**

Sunday, March 31- Easter Sunday
The Resurrection Of The Lord
9am- Mass at St. John the Baptist
10:30am- Mass at Holy Family

LITURGICAL MINISTRY - MARCH

March 24 , 2024- Palm Sunday
Master of Ceremonies: C. Schneider
Lectors: G. Garcia, M. Garcia
Passion Narrator: G. Garcia
Passion Speaker: M. Garcia
Eucharistic Ministers: S. Morrow
Servers: M. Viskovic, A. Morrow, A. Garcia
Sacristans: P. Mikesic, P. Hill

March 29 , 2024- Good Friday
1st Reading-Passion Narrator: S. Taylor
2nd Reading-Passion Speaker: B. Horvat
Solemn Intercession: M. Garcia
Eucharistic Ministers: A. Kucenic
Servers: A. Garcia
Sacristans: B. Horvat

March 30 , 2024- Easter Vigil
1st Reading: S. Taylor
3rd Reading (Croatian): M. Viskovic
5th Reading: C. Schneider
Epistle: W. Christ
Eucharistic Ministers: N. Gasparovic
Servers: M. Viskovic, K. Dordevic,
A. Dordevic, I. Dordevic
Sacristans: W. Christ

March 31 , 2024- Easter Sunday
Master of Ceremonies: C. Schneider
Lectors: M. Viskovic, P. Mikesic
Eucharistic Ministers: S. Morrow
Servers: A. Morrow, A. Garcia
Sacristans: S. Sandelich, G. Garcia

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

Prayer Requests

Pope Francis I, for our Candidates who will enter the Church at our Easter Vigil and will be receiving the Sacraments of The Eucharist and Confirmation, Jaydon Dextre, Mary Ann Stimac, Millie Sambol, Michele McKeever, Sarah Skradski Coleman, James Lipovac, Dianna Stimac, Chris Braun, Irene Delich, Ana Piskuric, George Fracul, 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

The Altar Society will host the annual **Palm Sunday Bake Sale** on *March 23rd and March 24th*. Bake goods can be dropped off in the church basement after 2pm on *Saturday March 23rd* or before Mass on *Sunday, March 24th*. Lots of delicious baked items will be available for purchase on Saturday from 2-4 and Sunday after Mass. Apple Strudels will be for sale for \$15 per strudel with a limit of 3 per person. There will also be donuts and coffee after Mass on March 24th.

Office will be closed on these days.



Thursday, March 28- Holy Thursday
1/2 day Office closed
Friday, March 29- Good Friday
Office Closed
Monday April 1- Easter Monday
Office Closed

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

	<u>Sun.3/17/24</u>
Envelopes:	4,526.80
Loose:	44.00
Building Fund:	1030.00
Candles:	171.00
Poor Box:	1010.00
Good Friday:	20.00
Holy Saturday:	10.00
Easter Flower Offering:	275.00
Easter Sunday:	70.00
Central & Eastern Europe:	20.00
Priest Retirement:	187.00
Mass Intentions:	170.00



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2024 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Family Church + St. John the Baptist

HOLY THURSDAY - MARCH 28

6:30 p.m. - Holy Family Church
For both parish communities

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES - MARCH 29

3:00 p.m. - St. John the Baptist
For both parish communities
5:00 p.m. - Holy Family Church (Burmese)

HOLY SATURDAY - MARCH 30



BLESSING OF FOOD

12:00 p.m. - St. John the Baptist
1:00 p.m. - Holy Family Church

8:00 p.m. - EASTER VIGIL - ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

For both Parish Communities

8:00 p.m. - EASTER VIGIL - HOLY FAMILY (Burmese)

EASTER SUNDAY - MARCH 31

9:00 a.m. - St. John the Baptist
10:30 a.m. - Holy Family Church
12:15 p.m. - Holy Family Church (Burmese)



Nationwide Invitation to Prayer *From The Office of Archbishop Naumann*

The USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) Committee on Pro-Life Activities is inviting Catholics to join in this focused effort of prayer for the end of abortion and the protection of women and preborn children, beginning this Monday, March 25 through June 2024.

On March 26, the U.S. Supreme Court will hear oral arguments in a case that has the potential to make a major impact in the widespread accessibility of chemical abortion (abortion pills). Chemical abortions are now the most common form of abortion in the United States.

The case is in response to the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) promoting the availability of chemical abortion while ignoring risks to women and violating federal law. In short, the FDA has enabled a nationwide mail-order abortion industry and turned neighborhood pharmacies into chemical abortion providers.

While the Supreme Court case is not about ending chemical abortion, it can restore limitations that the FDA has overridden. When a Supreme Court decision is released, probably in June, we can expect a public and political reaction similar to the Dobbs decision that overturned Roe v. Wade.

The USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities is inviting Catholics to join a focused effort of prayer for the end of abortion and the protection of women and preborn children, beginning on March 25, the eve of the oral arguments, and the anniversary of St. John Paul II's landmark, pro-life encyclical, The Gospel of Life (Evangelium vitae). In particular, we will invoke the intercession of St. Joseph, Defender of Life with this prayer (en español):

In English:

Dearest St. Joseph,
at the word of an angel,
you lovingly took Mary into your home.
As God's humble servant, you guided
the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem,
welcomed Jesus as your own son
in the shelter of a manger,
and fled far from your homeland
for the safety of both Mother and Child.

We praise God that as their faithful protector,
you never hesitated to sacrifice
for those entrusted to you.
May your example inspire us also
to welcome, cherish, and safeguard
God's most precious gift of life.

Help us to faithfully commit ourselves
to the service and defense of human life
—especially where it is
vulnerable or threatened.
Obtain for us the grace
to do the will of God in all things.
Amen.

En Español:

Amadísimo san José:
Ante el pedido de un ángel,
amorosamente llevaste a María a tu hogar.
Como humilde siervo de Dios,
guiaste a la Sagrada Familia
por el camino hacia Belén,
acogiste a Jesús como tu hijo
en el refugio de un pesebre,
y huiste lejos de tu patria para
la seguridad de la Madre y el Hijo.

Alabamos a Dios porque tú,
siendo su fiel protector,
nunca dudaste sacrificar
por quienes fueron
encomendados a ti.
Que tu ejemplo nos inspire
también para acoger, atesorar y proteger
el más preciado don de la vida
que nos regala Dios.

Ayúdanos a comprometernos con fidelidad
para servir y defender la vida humana
—en especial donde es
vulnerable o esté amenazada.
Obtennos la gracia de hacer la voluntad de
Dios en todas las cosas.
Amén.

We ask Catholics to offer this prayer daily, from March 25 until the June Supreme Court decision is issued. Online and print versions of the prayer can be found at www.respectlife.org/prayer-to-st-joseph.

Thank you for responding to this invitation to pray for an end to all abortions and for the protection of women and preborn children. St. Joseph, Defender of Life, pray for us!

Eucharistic Revival Christ's Peace House of Prayer

22131 Meager Rd., Easton Friday, April 12th at 5:30pm – Sunday, April 14th at 4:30pm Jesus invites us to return to the source and summit of our faith in the celebration of the Eucharist. The National Eucharistic Revival, which culminates in Indianapolis this July, is a movement to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery by helping us renew our worship of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Join us as we delve deeply into the powerful reality that is the Eucharist. Jesus, the Lamb of God, sacrificed so that we may have life, brings us himself in the heavenly bread of the banquet that takes place in heaven and on earth at the same time. Come worship our Eucharistic Lord with expectant faith during this enriching retreat. 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.

Divine Mercy Novena

The Divine Mercy Novena begins on *Good Friday, 3/29/24, and concludes Saturday, 4/6/24.*

In private revelations to St. Faustina, Jesus asked that the Feast of Divine Mercy be preceded by a novena praying for nine intentions with the Divine Mercy Chaplet. The novena can be accessed online at www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/novena.php

This weekend we celebrate the **Sunday of Divine Mercy**. God's greatest desire is to forgive us, pouring out His infinite mercy upon us so that we may be healed. Women and men alike who have been involved in an abortion may feel deep grief, guilt, anxiety, depression, broken relationships and a sense of alienation from God and the Church. They may experience anniversary reactions to the date of the abortion or what would have been the baby's due date. For anyone struggling with this, the Church cares. It is never too late to seek the Lord's mercy and healing through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Consider confidential, compassionate help from our diocesan abortion healing ministry. It is open to those of any faith or no faith, offering hope and healing to women and men hurting from past abortions. You may contact our Project Rachel/Project Joseph Ministry by calling or texting 913-621-2199, or emailing us at: projectrachelkc@archkck.org. Visit our website at projectrachelkc.com for further information about our ministry. All communications are kept confidential and are free.

CALL TO SHARE 2024

PARISH TARGET: \$19,822

Total Raised : \$9,120

Reported as of February 18, 2024

The beginning of today's Gospel reminds us to break our alabaster jar for Jesus. Whatever is precious is nothing compared to Him.

Please support our Archbishop's Call to Share appeal this week. Like the woman broke the costliest of perfumes to anoint Christ, be not afraid to anoint Him lavishly with your gifts. Our community needs you. When you anoint our local Church with your perfume, you anoint Christ, the Church's head!

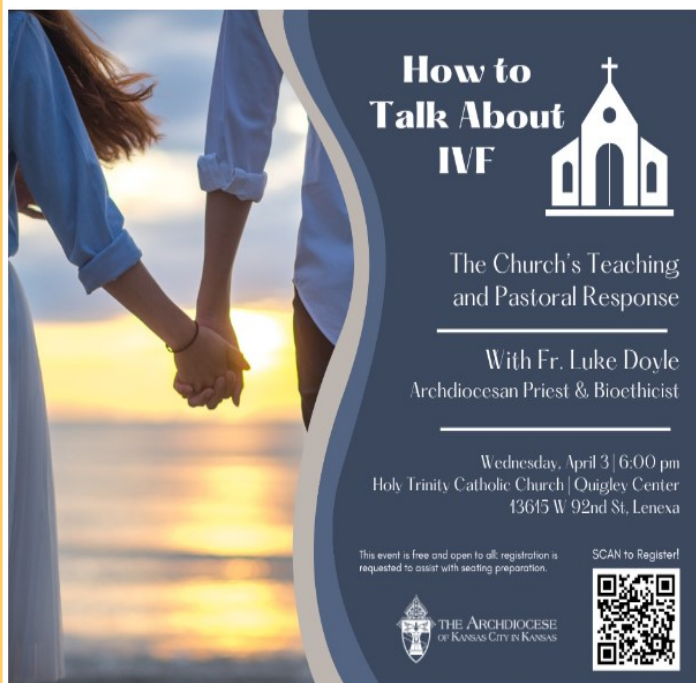


CRSRICE BOWL

Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl to your parish or school or give online at www.crsricebowl.org/donate. Thank you for changing lives this Lent!

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.

Please help us promote an opportunity for parishioners to learn about the important and often challenging topic of in vitro fertilization. The current national discussion of this issue provides an opportunity for education and a compassionate approach. The presentation is titled "How to Talk About IVF – The Church's Teaching and Pastoral Response."



How to Talk About IVF

The Church's Teaching and Pastoral Response

With Fr. Luke Doyle
Archdiocesan Priest & Bioethicist

Wednesday, April 3 | 6:00 pm
Holy Trinity Catholic Church | Quigley Center
13615 W 92nd St. Lenexa

This event is free and open to all; registration is requested to assist with seating preparation.

SCAN to Register!

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF KANSAS CITY IN KANSAS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Holy Family Altar Society Bingo

Saturday, April 20, 2024

Monsignor Mejak Hall
513 Ohio Ave., Kansas City, Kansas 66101

\$20.00 donation includes one sausage dinner, one bingo card, and two drink tickets. 20 Regular bingo games and 2 Blackouts. Paper sheet bingos may be purchased for Black-out games.

NO ONE UNDER 21 ADMITTED

More information announced in future bulletins

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.*

Kolo Classes- The Women's Auxiliary will be hosting a Kolo Class, free and open to the public in St. John's Gym on *April 7th* from 1:30-3:30. The class will be led by Lisa (Baric) Moyer.

Jim and Joe Baric will lead Kolo Classes in St John's Gym on *April 14th and April 28th*. Class time will be from 1:30-3:30 on both days. These classes are also free and open to the public.



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**



ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC CLUB ANNUAL CROATIAN GOLF TOURNAMENT SUNFLOWER HILLS GOLF COURSE SILENT AUCTION FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2024

The Croatian Golf committee is sponsoring a Silent Auction Item to be awarded at the golf tournament *Friday, May 17th*. Complete Furnace and A/C Installation Donated by **Adam Golubski, Owner, Delta T Heating & Cooling, LLC**. If the past winter has you thinking about a new furnace and A/C system, you're in luck! Bid now on this brand new Goodman HVAC system, including installation, generously donated by Delta T Heating & Cooling, LLC. This package is valued at \$9,000.00. Auction is open to anyone, golfers and non-golfers. Minimum bid restrictions must be met. The most current bid will be posted on **St. John's Club** Facebook page. For more detailed information or to place your bids, email **Joe Sachen** at sachenjoe@gmail.com or text 913-708-4689. Your bids will be placed in the order in which they are received. The auction ends on May 17th, 2:00pm which is the end of the golf tournament. As always, we appreciate your generosity and support. Thank you.