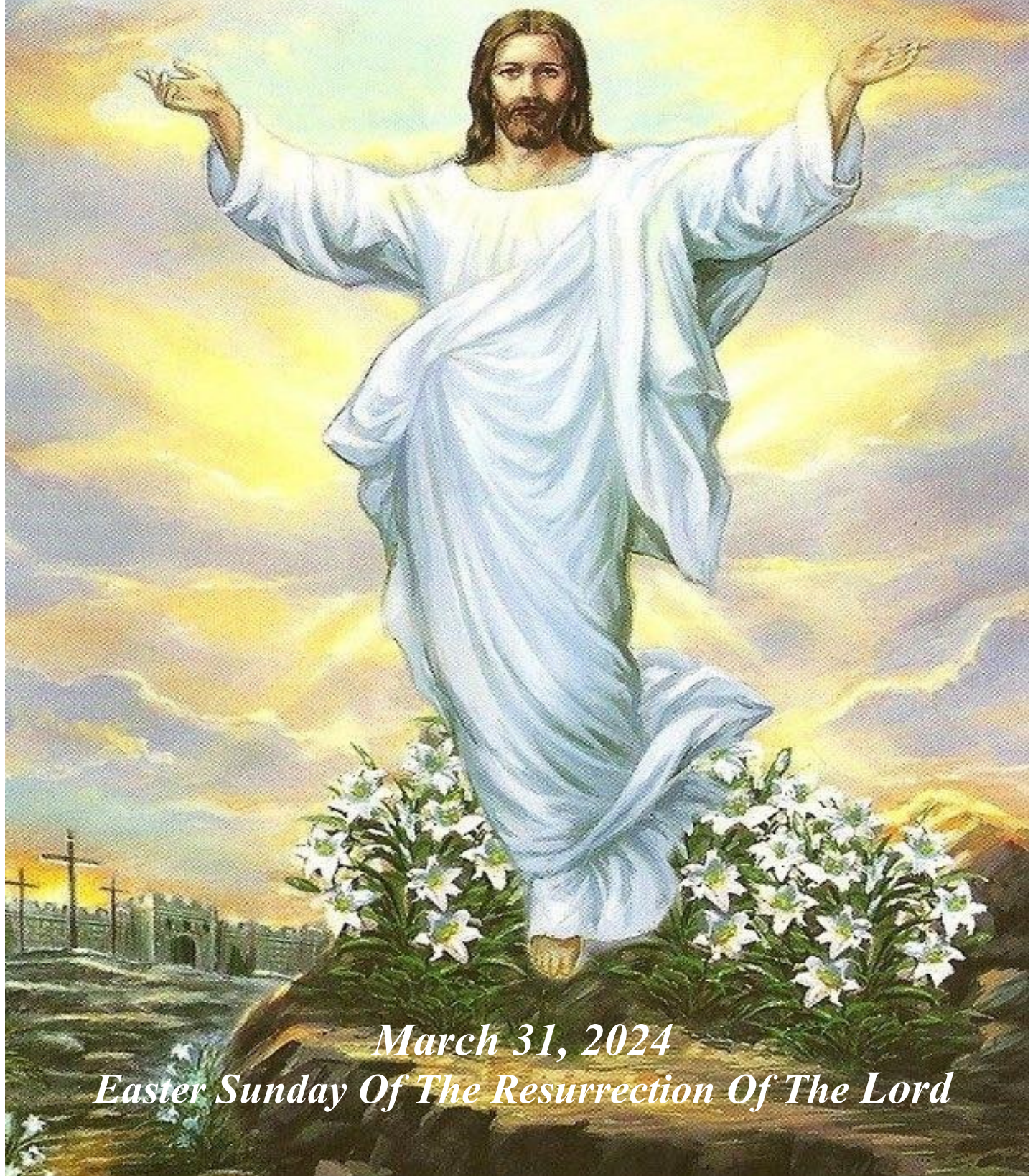


# He is Risen



*March 31, 2024*

*Easter Sunday Of The Resurrection Of The Lord*





# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Easter Sunday Of The Resurrection Of The Lord  
March 31, 2022 John 20: 1-9

## 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 St. John the Baptist in April)

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

Wishing you a Blessed and Happy Easter!

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



## *Easter Flower Offering In Memory of....*

John F. Mikesic  
John & Helen Schwab  
John & Mary Mikesic  
Mary Ann Mikesic  
Joseph A. Schwab  
Mary Ann Schneider  
Ed Sachen

Anna & Albert Sachen  
Kristina & Joseph Horvat  
Mr. & Mrs. Mike Schwab  
Mr. & Mrs. John Delich

Robert Delich

Magda Kucenic

Miho Kucenic

Sofija Kovacic

Fanika Lozancic

Rade Subasic

Albert & Mary Ann Tomasic

Joseph & Barbara Tomasic

Ann Ramdle

Louise Coleman

Ed & Dorothy (Tomasic) Thomas

John Kovac

Anna Kratofil

Frank Kratofil

Menthol Kratofil

Katherine & Mike Suljak

Marica Black

Steve & Mary Suljak

Family Livojevic

Rafal Lozancic

Ana Ploge

Lola & Max Stimac

Frank & Franklin P. Stimac

Catherine Williams

Dellaverne & Paul Harris

Elizabeth Curtin

Nellie & James Curtin

Ivan Zeleznak

Steve & Cena Cavlovic

Milan Gasparovic  
Dorothy Sutulovic  
Anton & Anna Gasparovic

Peter Sutulovic

Milan Gasparovic

Pero & Dora Sutulovic

Eleanor & Walter Rebeck

David Rebeck

Hilda Martin

George Martin

Thomas & Joseph Martin

Lila & Eugene Sostarich

Pete & Dorothy Novosel

Pat Novosel

George Kucenic

Josip Kucenic

Nick Kucenic

Ana Kucenic

Marica Dukovcic

Kucenic Family

Zurga Family

Acinger Family

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday, March 31- Easter Sunday**  
**The Resurrection Of The Lord**

**9am-** Mass at St. John the Baptist

**10:30am-** Mass at Holy Family

**Thursday, April 4- Octave of Easter**

**8am-** Matthew B. Baker

Kate & George Yuratovich

Special Intention

**Saturday April 6- Octave of Easter**

**4pm- Vigil Mass at St. John the Baptist**

St. John & Holy Family parishioners

**Sunday, April 7- Divine Mercy**

**9am-** George Gray Jr.

Eugene Sostarich

Ana & Nick Kucenic

All Family Jadranka Nikola Gojmerac

## LITURGICAL MINISTRY - MARCH

**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

**April 6-7, 2024-**

**Master of Ceremonies:** C. Schneider

**Lectors:** G. Garcia ; M. Viskovic, C. Schneider

**Eucharistic Ministers:** M. Garcia ; S. Morrow

**Servers:** A. Garcia ; A. Morrow

**Sacristans:** A. Nastav, R. Nastav ;  
B. Horvat, K. Moutray

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Sun. 3/24/24

Envelopes:	5339.00
Loose:	189.00
Building Fund:	920.00
Candles:	148.00
Poor Box:	15.00
Holy Saturday:	30.00
Easter Flower Offering:	85.00
Easter Sunday:	30.00
Black & Indian Mission:	20.00
Priest Retirement:	103.00
Mass Intentions:	170.00
In Memory of:	480.00
(John Podrebarac)	



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St. John the Baptist



## 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

### **Coffee and Donut Sunday**

The event will be hosted by the **Parish Council** in the church basement after the 9am Mass on **Sunday April 7th**. 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.

### **Food Kitchen**

Food Kitchen date is for **Monday April 8th**. 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 April 9th 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 **April 10th** starting at 11 am in the church basement.

### **Mother's Day Breakfast**

Once again St. John's Catholic Club will be having a Mother's Day breakfast. It will be after 9:00 am Mass on May 12th. Tickets are still only \$5.00 and available at the club at 913-371-9690 or contact John Mikesic at 913-669-3262. Hope to see you there!

## *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.

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](http://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!

In Croatian:

Predragi sveti Josipe,  
na riječ anđela,  
s ljubavlju si uzeo Mariju u svoj dom.  
Kao Božji ponizni sluga, ti si vodio  
Svetu obitelj na putu za Betlehem,  
dočekaš Isusa kao vlastitog sina  
u zaklonu jaslca  
i pobjegao daleko od svoje domovine  
za sigurnost i majke i djeteta.

Slavimo Boga kao njihova vjernog zaštitnika, te  
nikad nisi oklijevao  
žrtvovati se  
za one koji su ti povjereni.  
Neka i nas tvoj primjer nadahne  
pozdraviti, njegovati i čuvati  
Božji najdragocjeniji dar života.

Pomozi nam da se vjerno posvetimo  
služenju i obrani ljudskog života  
-pogotovo tamo gdje je  
ranjiv ili ugrožen.  
Isprosi nam milost  
vršiti volju Božju u svemu.  
Amen.



## 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](http://ChristsPeace.com) or call 913.773.8255.

## RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

Dear brethren (brother and sisters), through the Paschal Mystery we have been buried with Christ in Baptism, so that we may walk with him in newness of life. And so, now that our Lenten observance is concluded, let us renew the promises of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and his works and promised to serve God in the holy Catholic Church.



Do you renounce Satan?

**I do.**

And all his works?

**I do.**

And all his empty show?

**I do.**

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?

**I do.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

**I do.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life ever lasting?

**I do.**

And may almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins, keep us by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord, for eternal life.

**Amen.**

## Divine Mercy Sunday Pro-Life Prayer Service

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April 7, 6:00pm at the **St. James Academy Chapel**

Through the ocean of love and mercy poured out on Divine Mercy Sunday, this prayer service will help us honor the unborn children who have lost their lives to abortion, offer healing to those impacted by this loss, and reaffirm our commitment to protect all life in our country. All are welcome. 6pm rosary/6:30 -7:30 service.

# WAKE

## A PRO-LIFE PRAYER EVENT

Eucharistic Adoration • Praise + Worship • Inspirational Skit  
Symbolic Casket Procession to Honor the Unborn and Family Intentions



**April 7, 2024**  
**Divine Mercy Sunday**

Divine Mercy Meditations  
St. James Academy Chapel

**All are welcome!**  
**6:30 PM – 7:30 PM**  
Rosary begins at 6:00 PM

*Through the ocean of love and mercy poured out on Divine Mercy Sunday, WAKE will honor the unborn who have lost their lives to abortion or miscarriage, offer healing to those affected by infant loss, and help reignite and restore the desire to guard the dignity of all life in our country.*



Christ yesterday and today;  
the Beginning and the End,  
the Alpha; and the Omega.  
All time belongs to Him; and  
all the ages. To Him be glory  
and power; through every age  
and for ever. Amen.

**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).

**There are over 80 job openings for the 2024-2025**, to include principals. We would appreciate any help spreading the word about job openings. "Catholic schools across the Archdiocese are accepting applications for principals, teachers, and nonteacher positions. View all job openings at [archkckcs.org/job-board](http://archkckcs.org/job-board) and apply at [archkckcs.org/apply](http://archkckcs.org/apply). "

### **Catholic Women's Day**

When: **Sunday, April 14 from 9:30 am-3:30 pm**  
Where: Sophia Spirituality Center, 751 South 8th St., Atchison, KS 66002 A bilingual Benedictine experience (in English & Spanish) for women 18 and older Benedictine Hospitality & Spirituality Immerse yourself in the hospitality and spirituality of the Benedictine sisters. This day will include Mass with the sisters, a catered brunch, and experiences of Benedictine monastery life. Join us and be a part of this prayerful, enriching experience transcending language barriers and giving us the opportunity to unite as one in our Catholic faith and gratitude for one another. To Register In English C O N T A C T M A R Y K A Y : 9 1 3 . 6 4 5 . 5 3 8 2 Please note that we are not able to provide childcare Free-will donations are greatly appreciated. Please register no later than April 7th.

### **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!



### **April 13, 2024: The Art of Catholic Family Life: Building a Holy Home**

A free half day couples retreat is coming to **St. Michael the Archangel**, Leawood on **Saturday, April 13th**. The Art of Catholic Family Life: Building a Holy Home is a half-day retreat open to all married and engaged couples, offering a unique opportunity to explore what it means to live the spirit of Nazareth in your home!

Join us for a transformative half-day retreat at St. Michael the Archangel Parish!

- Date: April 13
- Time: 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
- Guests are welcome to register at 8 AM, Mass at 8:15
- Location: 14251 Nall Avenue, Leawood, KS, 66223
- Register now: Link to registration
- <https://paradisusdei.ticketleap.com/kck/>

**Hear ye! Hear ye!** The Baric Brothers will be teaching some classes just in time for summer. Big things are coming up. Croatian Day! The Sugar Creek Slavic Festival! The St. John's Croatian Parish Social! And I'm sure we're going find more times and places to put on our dancing shoes. **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 7<sup>th</sup>* 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 14<sup>th</sup>* & *April 28<sup>th</sup>*.

Class time will be from 1:30-3:30 on both days. These classes are also free and open to the public.

**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](mailto:landofoz1239@sunflower.com) or call 913-369-2718. *Scholarship application deadline is May 1, 2024.*

## HOLY FAMILY ALTAR SOCIETY SPRING BINGO

**Saturday, April 20, 2024**

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

**Doors Open: 5:30 p.m.**

**Dinner Served: 5:45 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.**

**Bingo Starts: 7:00 p.m.**

\$20.00 donation includes one sausage dinner, one bingo card, & two drink tickets. 20 Regular bingo games and 3 Blackouts. Paper sheet bingos may be purchased for Black-out games. Advance tickets are \$20.00. If purchased at the door, the cost will be \$25.00 per person/per ticket.

### For tickets contact:

Sarah Simonich Lee - 913-905-9399

Sandy Cannon - 913-396-1564

Parish Office - 913-413-0022

**NO ONE UNDER 21 ADMITTED**



**Frozen apple strudels available for sale**

\$15 each. Make checks payable to :  
**St. John the Baptist Catholic Church.**  
Please call Wendy at the rectory at 913-371-0627 to arrange for purchase and pick-up.  
Thank you for your interest.



**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 17<sup>th</sup>*. 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](mailto: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 17<sup>th</sup>, 2:00pm which is the end of the golf tournament. As always, we appreciate your generosity and support. Thank you.