



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

4th Sunday Of Easter

April 21, 2024

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Parish Office:

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

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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 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

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Prayer Line

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

April 21, 2024



Keeping In Touch

This past week has been kind of quiet and normal. I say this with great gratitude. The coming week is going to be rather busy. When I look on my calendar, it does not appear to be many blank spaces. In the midst of the busyness of the coming week, there is one thing that stands out for me and I am looking forward to. On Wednesday, April 24 we celebrate the Conversion of St. Augustine. This is a big celebration in the Augustinian world. We recall how Augustine was living a life not in accord with God, but he was searching and in his searching he found God.

While conversion is indeed a life-long process, there is a moment where it begins for Augustine. This happens in the year of 386. He was visiting with a friend and they were outside. There were children singing a song which said, "pick it up and read it, pick it up and read it."

While at first he thought this was just children playing, he began to wonder if this song might be a command from God. He picked up a bible and opened it up. His eyes fell upon a passage from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans where it says, "not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual excess and lust, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Rather, put on the Lord Jesus Christ and make no provision for the desire of the flesh."

In this moment Augustine felt as if his heart was flooded with light and he abandoned his sinful ways and turned to God. As we celebrate the Conversion of Augustine with great gratitude, we seek to listen for the ways in which God is calling us closer to Himself.

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



The Kansas Constitution begins by giving thanks to "Almighty God for our civil and religious privileges." It then says: "All men are possessed of equal and inalienable natural rights, among which are "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." On April 26, 2019, the Kansas Supreme Court held in Hodes & Nauser MDs v. Schmidt that these words protect a supposed "natural right" to abortion. Join **Archbishop Naumann** in praying for an end to the supposed "natural right" to abortion in our state and a conversion of hearts so that Life might once again be protected as was intended by our forefathers. In reparation for the harms against the unborn, expectant women and families, we encourage parishes to offer an opportunity for prayer.

"You are called to stand up for life! To respect and defend the mystery of life always and everywhere, including the lives of unborn babies, giving real help and encouragement to mothers in difficult situations. You are called to work and pray against abortion."

- St. John Paul II

"It is a poverty that a "child must die", So that you may live as you wish."

-Mother Teresa

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, April 21-

9am- Joel & Mary Livojevic
Joe, Mijo, Veronika Sudac
Kovach & Krupich Family
Catherine Myers

Thursday, April 25- St. Mark, Evangelist

8am- John F. Novak (60th Wedding Anniversary)
Tom Lally
Pearl Ann Leal

Saturday April 27-

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

Sunday, April 28-

9am- Deceased of Mikesic Family
Miro Jadric
Ana Macan
John "Dukie" Kladusan

LITURGICAL MINISTRY - MARCH

April 20-21 , 2024-

Lectors: M. Grisnik ; V. Tomasic, M. Viskovic
Eucharistic Ministers: B. Horvat ; M. Tomasic
Servers: none ; M. Viskovic
Sacristans: K. Grisnik, E. Grisnik ;
S. Sandelich, G. Garcia

April 27-28 , 2024-

Lectors: L. Worner ; M. Viskovic, S. Taylor
Eucharistic Ministers: R. Worner ; A. Kucenic
Servers: none ; M. Viskovic
Sacristans: T. Jaksetic, C. Delich ; W. Christ, H. Koch

*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. 04/13/24</u>	<u>Sun. 4/14/24</u>
Envelopes:	1295.00	2125.00
Loose:	53.00	70.25
Building Fund:	627.00	55.00
Candles:	48.00	116.00
Poor Box:		10.00
In Memory of:	25.00	
(Kenneth Vardyan)		
Food Kitchen:	50.00	



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Giving to
St. John the Baptist*



Prayer Requests

Pope Francis I, Jaydon Dextre, Mary Ann Stimac, Millie Sambol, Michele McKeever, 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 **St. John's Catholic Club** on **Sunday May 5th**. 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.

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!

Food Kitchen

Food Kitchen date is for **Monday May 13th**. 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 May 14th 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 **May 15th** starting at 11 am in the church basement.

Rosary Rally for April

4/28/2024 ~ 3:00PM-4:15PM
CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION
9510 W. 127th St.
Overland Park, Kansas 66213



GOOD SHEPHERD
Sunday

Each year, a special offertory collection is taken up throughout the Archdiocese on **Good Shepherd Sunday** which is allocated to three special funds supporting the Priesthood:

- ♦ *The education and support of our 25 seminarians.*
- ♦ *Continuing education and retreats for our 152 priests.*
- ♦ *The care of our 22 retired priests.*

In thanksgiving for our current and future "Good Shepherds", please be generous in your support on **Sunday, April 21, 2024.**

Thank you!

On the weekend of **April 27/28** please use your special envelope to contribute to the **Catholic Home Missions Appeal**. Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need due to small Catholic populations dispersed over a wide geographic territory, economic hardships caused by loss of industries, diminishing populations because of migration from rural to urban areas, and other similar diocesan circumstances. This appeal assists our brothers and sisters here in the United States who do not have access to basic pastoral services like Mass, the sacraments, and religious education. Through your support, the Catholic Home Missions Appeal helps these mission dioceses form vibrant Catholic communities and strengthens the Church at home. Please be generous

The Gospel calls all of us to "go and make disciples of all nations." All are invited to **BEHOLD KC**: a free, public, outdoor event where we will gather as a regional community of faith from Missouri and Kansas for a historic once-in-a-generation Eucharistic celebration.

BEHOLD KC will be held on *May 4, 2024, from 4 to 9:30 PM* at the **National WWI Museum and Memorial North Lawn**.

What better chance to behold the true presence of our Lord Jesus Christ than in our own backyard? As we journey through the Eucharistic Revival, this is a special opportunity to publicly witness with your friends, family, and small groups, without the large cost of attending other big Catholic events held in different cities.

Behold KC will include a bilingual Mass, Confession, nationally-recognized praise and worship performed by **Steve Angrisano**, local choirs, a public Rosary, and the largest Eucharistic Adoration opportunity in our city in more than 80 years!

Please extend an invitation to your family and friends! Registration is not required but is strongly recommended. For full event details and registration, visit beholdkck.org.

There is no better time to BEHOLD our Lord!



Day of Prayer in Atonement for Sexual Abuse in the Church

6:30 PM, Friday, April 26
Savior Pastoral Center Chapel
12601 Parallel Pkwy.
Kansas City, KS

On *Friday, April 26*, you are invited to join **Archbishop Naumann**, who will offer Mass in atonement for the harm resulting from sexual abuse in the Catholic Church. This scandal has left victims with lasting wounds, and has caused people to mistrust the Church.

This Mass is open to all who want to support and pray for healing for victims, and for the integrity of our clergy. Immediately after Mass there will be a short information session about abuse, and how the Archdiocese cares for victims using Restorative Justice principals. Then a reception will follow for conversation and fellowship. Resources will be available for all who are interested in this topic.

Are you seeking a way to serve the Church that will bring you closer to your spouse? Do you love the Church's teachings on marriage and family? Consider mentoring the engaged. The **Office of Marriage and Family Life** will host a Lead Couple Come and See for perspective couples who are interested in this important ministry to the engaged.

Date: *May 9, 2024. Time: 7-8:30 p.m.*

Location: **Prince of Peace** in Olathe, KS.

Appetizers, drinks, and dessert will be served.

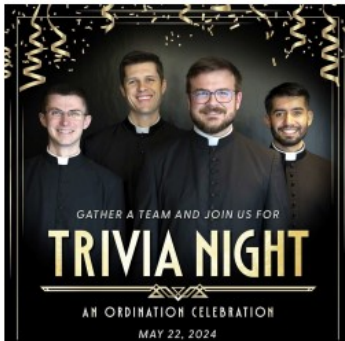
Interested couples should RSVP to **Brad DuPont**, bdupont@archkck.org or call 913.647.0301.

Seminarian Trivia Night – An Ordination Celebration

Join us on **Wednesday, May 22nd from 6:30 to 9:00 pm** at **St. Michael the Archangel** in Leawood, as the Vocation Office hosts its annual Trivia Night to honor and celebrate the men who will be ordained to Holy Orders!

Gather a group of up to 8 players (\$300 per team) and prepare to challenge other teams for prizes. The evening will include: · Seven rounds of questions · 50/50 raffle · Prizes awarded to the top two teams All proceeds directly benefit our seminarians and the ongoing mission of the Vocation Office.

Please visit our website for details and registration: <https://archkck.org/vocations-trivia-night/>



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, April 19th from 7 p.m. till Saturday morning the 20th, 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

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

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 Class- **Jim and Joe Baric** will lead Kolo Class in St John's Gym on **April 28th**. Class time will be from **1:30-3:30**. 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.