



# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

## THE VINE & THE BRANCHES

— JOHN 15 —

5th Sunday Of Easter

April 28, 2024

John 15: 1-8

**Parish Office:**  
 708 N. 4th Street, Kansas City, KS 66101  
**Office:** (913) 371-0627  
**Hours:** Mon-Fri 8:30am-5pm  
**Web:** stjohncatholicchurch.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 May)  
 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**



*May the month of Mary*



### Keeping In Touch

The time that I set aside each week to write this to you all, this week got consumed with other matters that needed to be taken care right away. It was a good week but turned out to be a busy one. We had a great celebration for the Conversion of St Augustine and as I write this we are recalling the memory of Our Mother of Good Counsel. This is one of the titles which Augustinians honor our Blessed Mother. The original painting of Our Mother of Good Counsel is found in the Augustinian Church in Genazzano, Italy. The picture is of Mary holding the child Jesus. Her veil is around Jesus' shoulders and Mary, caring mother that she is, is giving some good counsel to her Son. The ancient legend says that this fresco was miraculously transported to Genazzano from its former home in Albania. The fresco miraculously rests on a narrow ledge inside the church. In the midst of the business of our lives let us turn to Our Mother of Good Counsel so that she may give to us that good counsel and motherly care



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

### 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.



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday, April 28-**

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

**Thursday, May 2-**

**8am-** Special Intention

**Saturday May 4-**

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

**Sunday, May 5-**

**9am-** Janko & Marija Piskuric  
Eugene Sostarich  
Mary Ann Mikesic  
Janice Baric

## LITURGICAL MINISTRY - APRIL - MAY

**April 27-28 , 2024-**

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

**May 5 , 2024-**

**Lectors:** M. Viskovic , R. Sambol  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** N. Gasparovic  
**Servers:** M. Viskovic  
**Sacristans:** 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](mailto:ourcroatianparish@gmail.com)*

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

	<u>Sat. 04/20/24</u>	<u>Sun. 4/21/24</u>
<b>Envelopes:</b>	940.00	2104.00
<b>Loose:</b>	180.00	58.86
<b>Building Fund:</b>	70.00	270.00
<b>Candles:</b>	67.00	73.50
<b>Poor Box:</b>		5.00
<b>Good Shepherd:</b>	100.00	20.00
<b>Mother's Day:</b>		20.00
<b>In Memory of:</b>		50.00
(Kenneth Vardyan)		
<b>Food Kitchen:</b>	100.00	
<b>Donation(s)</b>	50.00	



*QR Code for Online  
Giving to  
St. John the Baptist*



## Prayer Requests

Pope Francis I, Donna Christ, 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





### THIS is God's plan for your marriage!

As we journey through life, we can sometimes lose sight of the dreams we carried when we first met. A **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience** will give you the tools and time to reconnect with the hopes for your future and the fairy tale love you still have for each other. It is a gift that will last all the days of your lives. For information or to apply for an experience visit [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org) or scan the QR code.

#### Upcoming Dates in Kansas City

June 14-16th 2024  
November 15 -17th 2024



### In the School of the Holy Spirit Retreat

#### Christ's Peace House of Prayer

22131 Meager Rd., Easton  
Friday, May 17th at 5:30pm – Sunday, May 19th at 4:30pm

The Holy Spirit is essential to our Christian life and his help is needed for us to progress on the path on which God leads us. Join us as we use Jacques Philippe's book, "In the School of the Holy Spirit" as a guide to help us get to know the Sanctifier of our souls. Come learn to be more attentive to the movements of the Holy Spirit in your life. When we follow his promptings, we become holy like Mary did, by always saying yes to God. 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.

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](http://beholdkck.org).

**There is no better time to BEHOLD our Lord!**



**St. Isidore Feast Day:** Mass and Blessing of Seeds and Soil **Wednesday, May 15th at 10:00am**. Join us for a day in honor of St. Isidore, the patron saint of farmers, on his feast day. The day will begin with Mass followed by a rosary procession to the Saint Isidore Shrine. Bring seeds and soil in a small, decorated basket to be placed at the altar for blessing. The day will end with lunch and a time of fellowship. A free-will offering will be taken up to support the center. To attend, send an email to: [info@christspeace.com](mailto:info@christspeace.com) or call 913.773.8255 to let us know how many people will be attending

#### **CALL TO SHARE 2024**

**PARISH TARGET: \$19,822**

**Total Raised : \$16,693.00**

**Reported as of April 26, 2024**

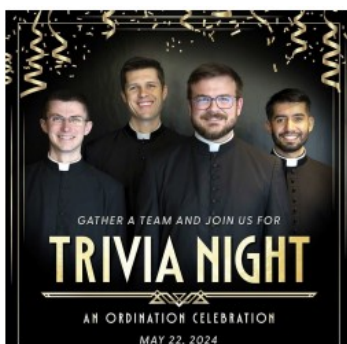
*Thank you for your support of the Archbishop's Call to Share*

## 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/>



## 10th Annual

### Pitching for Priests Softball Game Summer Classic!

Priests from the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph  
VS.

Priests from the Archdiocese of Kansas City in  
Kansas

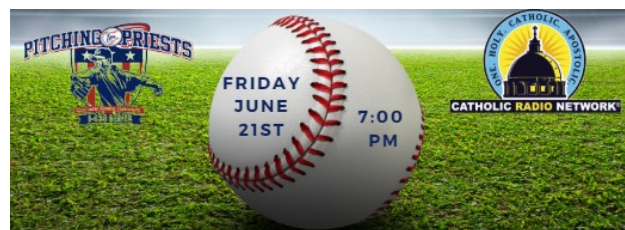
**Friday, June 21st, 2024 at 7:00 pm**

Gates open at 6:00 with the Home Run Derby at  
6:15 & Kids Field Run at 6:30

Legends Field Ballpark

1800 Village West Pkwy, Kansas City, KS 66111

**This will be a free event with a QR code for  
accepting donations  
More information can be found at  
catholicradio.com**



## **SAVE THE DATE--SHINE FOR DONNELLY COLLEGE:**

**Thursday, October 3, 2024, 5:30-10:00 P.M.**

The Abbott, Kansas City, MO. Marianne and Bill Dunn, Jr. –Chairs-

Please plan to join us for SHINE 2024 to celebrate **Donnelly's College's DIAMOND Anniversary!** This historic milestone marks 75 years of providing excellence in Catholic higher education for those who would otherwise be underserved. It will be an evening filled with fellowship, joy and heartfelt gratitude for our community and generous supporters! Together we can make our only archdiocesan college the most accessible and transformative Catholic college in the country for many more years to come! For more information and sponsorship opportunities, please go to [donnelly.edu/SHINE](http://donnelly.edu/SHINE) or contact **Nancy Wilkerson**, at [nwilkerson@donnelly.edu](mailto:nwilkerson@donnelly.edu) or 913-621-8758.



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