



# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

1st Sunday Of Lent

March 9, 2025

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## 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 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

913-371-9690

(913) 281-4448

## Prayer Line



We want to thank our St. John's family for all the support and kindness during our difficult time. A special thanks to the bereavement committee for putting together a very nice lunch. Whether you came to the funeral, sent a flower or said a prayer, all of this means so much to us. We appreciate our St. John's family!

~The family of Stjepan Dukovic

It's time to  
*Spring*  
*Forward!*



Sunday, March 9  
2:00am

Move your clocks ahead...  
don't miss Sunday School!

## Keeping In Touch

Lent has begun. The time seems to be moving rather quickly and before we know it Easter will be here. It is important, however, to take advantage of this time for prayer, penance, and charity. As we know, one of the penances that we as a universal church do is to abstain from meat on Fridays. While during sometimes of the year we can substitute another form of penance on Friday, we cannot do that during Lent.

As I mentioned last year, I have an allergy to fish which makes Fridays of Lent days that I may consciously plan out what I can eat. Last year as you may remember, I had decided to make soups for Fridays. It worked so well that I was excited to do it again this year for Ash Wednesday (which is also a day of fast and abstinence) and the First Friday of Lent I made a wonderful barley vegetable soup. I am already thinking of what kind of soup to make next week!

Speaking of next week, on Monday and Tuesday I will be in Oklahoma at the monastery where I am the Extraordinary Confessor for the monks. When I return, the rest of the week looks normally busy with the addition of giving retreat talks. More about that next week. A blessed Lent to everyone!

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



## 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.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday, March 9-**

**9am-** Suljak Family  
John "Ivan" Podrebarac  
Georgette Pemberton  
Margaret Dumovich

**Thursday, March 13-**

**8am-**

**Saturday, March 15-**

**4pm-** *Vigil Mass at Holy Family*  
People of the Parishes

**Sunday, March 16-**

**9am-** Pero & Dora Sutulovic  
Josip Panijan  
Kathy Francic  
George, Jim, Frank Brajkovic

## LITURGICAL MINISTRY - MARCH

**March 9, 2025-**

**Lectors:** M. Piskuric, R. Sambol  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** M. Garcia  
**Servers:** A. Garcia, M. Garcia  
**Sacristans:** H. Rebeck, W. Christ

**March 16, 2025-**

**Lectors:** A. Dordevic, Kl. Dordevic  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** M. Tomasic  
**Servers:** A. Morrow, I. Dordevic  
**Ushers:** P. Dordevic, A. Garcia, M. Garcia  
**Sacristans:** S. Sandelich, G. Garcia

Visit Our Sunday Visitor online giving at <https://osvhub.com/stjohnthebaptists/giving/funds>

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Sun.03/2/25

<b>Envelopes:</b>	5013.50
<b>Loose:</b>	140.00
<b>Building Fund:</b>	1442.00
<b>Candles:</b>	173.00
<b>Poor Box:</b>	24.00
<b>Black &amp; Indian Mission:</b>	20.00
<b>Central &amp; Eastern Europe:</b>	120.00
<b>Priest Retirement:</b>	70.00
<b>Easter Flowers:</b>	115.00
<b>Mass Intentions:</b>	80.00



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St. John the Baptist*



## Prayer Requests

Pope Francis I, Bernadette Horvat, Milka Subasic, Millie Sambol, James Lipovac, Dianna Stimac, Chris Braun, 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, for all the holy souls in purgatory, and anyone else in need of our prayers.



## Upcoming Events

### **Food Kitchen**

Food Kitchen date is for **Monday March 10th**. 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 11th at 6 pm**. Not a member, but want to become a member? Call the office for more information 913-371-0627.

### **Monthly Senior Luncheon**

Senior meeting and lunch will be provided. Bring a friend and come join us for fellowship, with bingo and prizes on **Wednesday March 12th** starting at 11 am in the church basement.

### **On the weekend of March 30, we will take up the collection for Catholic Relief Services,**

which supports Catholic Relief Services; USCCB's Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development; USCCB's Migration and Refugee Services; Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc.; USCCB's Office for Cultural Diversity in the Church; and the Holy Father's Relief Fund that advance the international social ministry of the church. Please be generous in your support of this collection.

*Please submit any bulletin news and events by Wednesday afternoon to the Parish office by phone 913-371-0627 or email to [ourcroatianparish@gmail.com](mailto:ourcroatianparish@gmail.com)*



### 2025 Call To Share Timeline

#### St. John the Baptist parish goal: \$20,000.00

As of 03/20/2025, the ACTS Parish Progress Report shows our parish has committed **\$9,980.00**.

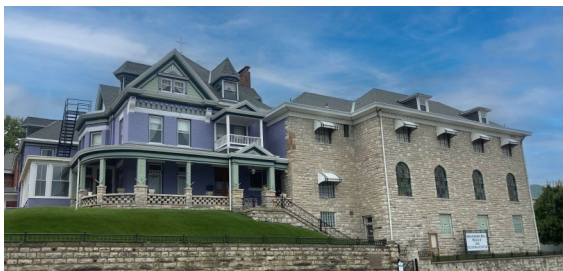
When you give to the Archbishop's Call to Share annual appeal you support the work of more than 43 ministries and programs in our Archdiocese, transforming the lives of thousands of people. Together, we can put our faith into action. Together, we can do more than any one parish or person can do. Please prayerfully consider a gift to Call to Share!

**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 22, 2025 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](mailto:maltakc@yahoo.com) or contact Doug Rivard at 913-620-1759.

### **SAVE THE DATE-APRIL 11, 2025**

Please mark your calendars **for Friday, April 11**. **Archbishop Naumann** will offer the Archdiocesan Mass of Atonement for those harmed by sexual abuse in the Church. Mass will be at **St. Michael the Archangel** parish in Leawood, KS at 4:30pm, followed by a reception. Come to pray and support victim/survivors known and unknown, and learn more about this critical ministry

**Strawberry Hill Museum** has re-opened and ready for guided tours on Saturdays and Sundays. Come and experience the history, and architecture of the mansion built in 1887. Online current classes are listed, and information regarding the Tea Room. Questions? Call 913-371-3264. Please join us for a visit. <https://strawberryhillmuseum.org>



### **JOIN THE 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, the healing of post-abortion families, and the conversion of those seeking and providing abortions. The next Vigil and Mass will take place starting **Friday, March 14th from 7 p.m. till Saturday morning the 15th**, concluding with a bilingual Mass at 8 a.m. Then, we'll walk down Leavenworth Road to the Planned Parenthood facility where we will pray. Please join us for part or all of this work of mercy. We are looking for adorers throughout the night. Please contact the Christ the King office for any questions: 913.287.8823 (call or text) [contact@ctkkck.org](mailto:contact@ctkkck.org)

### **INT'L DAY OF THE UNBORN CHILD**



**6013 LEAVENWORTH RD IN KCK  
ON THE SIDEWALKS BY PLANNED PARENTHOOD IN KCK**

Please join Archbishop Joseph Naumann in praying the Joyful mysteries of the rosary, the Angelus, and the Divine Mercy Chaplet in recognition of the unborn child. Sponsored by Planned Parenthood Exposed, Kansans for Life, and the Archdiocese of KCK. Contact Ron Kelsey [ronkelsey10@gmail.com](mailto:ronkelsey10@gmail.com) for more information.

**Please join us to Honor Our Blessed Mother and Our Lady of Fatima** which will be held on **Sunday March 16th from 3:00 pm to 4:15 pm** at **Church of the Holy Cross** at 8311 West 93rd St. Overland Park, KS. 66212. We will pray the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious mysteries of the Holy Rosary followed by Benediction and the opportunity for attendees to enroll in the Brown Scapular. For driving instructions or future dates for the Kansas City monthly Holy Rosary rallies, please visit [www.rosaryrallieskc.org](http://www.rosaryrallieskc.org)



## Annunciation Mass & Blessing for Expectant Parents with Archbishop Naumann

March 25

Expectant parents are invited to receive a special blessing for their unborn children in celebration of the Solemnity of the Annunciation. This solemnity commemorates the visit of the angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary to inform her that she was to be the mother of our Savior. It calls us to reflect on the blessing of new life and how we are to care for, protect, and welcome new life, as the Blessed Mother did for the Christ child. All are invited! Solemnity of the Annunciation Mass with **Archbishop Naumann Tuesday, March 25th, 5:30 pm Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 11300 W 103rd St. O.P.**

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## Lenten Shrimp Dinners



**Friday March 14th, 5:30 pm**

**Friday April 4th, 5:30 pm**

Dinner includes:

**Jumbo Shrimp Corn on the Cob-  
Hushpuppies-Potatoes-Salad and Bread**  
**\$20.00 Donation**

RSVP by calling:  
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 their favorite priest or student player at the Runnin' with the Revs basketball games on **Monday, March 24th at 7 pm** at **Bishop Miege High School** and on **Friday, April 4th at 7 pm** at **Hayden High School**. Priests will be teamed up with 8th grade and high school students from our Catholic schools in an exciting game of basketball. Bring your family and friends to enjoy this fun event. Free-will donations will benefit our seminarians.

## Seasonal Part-Time Position Available Landscape & Grounds Caretaker

April - October  
8 Hours / Week

Christ's Peace House of Prayer is seeking a reliable and hardworking individual to assist with landscape and grounds work eight-hours per week. This role is essential in maintaining the natural beauty and tranquility of our retreat center by ensuring the grounds and trails are well-kept and accessible. See the attached flyer or scan the QR code for additional details. Are you interested or do you know someone who might be a good fit, please contact Marie at 913-773-8255 or email us at [info@christspce.com](mailto:info@christspce.com)  
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## Lenten Retreat on Strawberry Hill in KCKS

It is a special time in our diocese when the community gathers together to gain insight into a faith filled life with talks and stories from **Fr. Richard Gielow**. Fr. Richard Gielow, director of the Vincentian Parish Mission Center in Kansas City is a respected theologian and dynamic speaker who has conducted thousands of missions throughout the country. Fr. Gielow will preside at **8:00AM Mass on Wednesday April 2nd**; at **Holy Family Church** 274 Orchard Street Kansas City, KS 66101. Light snacks and Brunch will be served by the Strawberry Hill Altar Societies. The event will close around 12:30. Registration may be made online by sending your name, email address and phone number to [csandysangels@aol.com](mailto:csandysangels@aol.com) or by calling 913-396-1564 no later than March 30th. Free will offering.



# KCK PAL BINGO NIGHT

**SATURDAY MARCH 8, 2025**

DOORS OPEN AT 5 PM  
BINGO AT 6 PM

**SINGLE TICKETS \$50**  
OR  
**BUY A TABLE THAT SEATS 8 FOR \$400**  
TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE OR AT THE DOOR

**DINNER, SODA, BEER, WINE AND ONE BINGO CARD INCLUDED**  
ADDITIONAL CARDS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE



800 NORTH 5TH STREET KCK 66101

# MARCH MADNESS TACO DINNER & BINGO NIGHT

**SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 2025**  
ST. MARY - ST. ANTHONY CHURCH

**SHOW YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT! WEAR YOUR FAVORITE COLLEGE GEAR OR COLORS!**  
**BRING DECORATIONS FOR YOUR TABLE TO SHOW YOUR SCHOOL PRIDE!**

**ONLY 125 DINNER TICKETS WILL BE SOLD!**

Tickets in advance  
Adult - \$15, Child (12 & Under) - \$8

Tickets at the door  
Adult - \$20, Child (12 & under) - \$12


Adult ticket:  
dinner, dessert, 2 drink tickets, & 2 bingo cards

Child ticket:  
dinner, dessert, 1 drink ticket, & 1 bingo card

Menu:  
Adult Meal: 3 tacos    Child Meal: 2 tacos  
Beef tacos (your choice of soft or hard shell)  
Rice, Beans, Sauce, Dessert

Additional drinks & snacks available to purchase during bingo.

To-Go orders available!



Event Schedule  
4:00p.m. - Mass  
5:00p.m. - Doors open for dinner  
5:15p.m. - 6:15p.m. - Dinner served  
6:30p.m. - 8:00p.m. - Bingo

Want to play bingo, but don't want dinner?  
Want to purchase more cards?  
Bingo cards sold separately from the dinner!  
1 card for \$2, 3 cards for \$5, or 8 cards for \$10.

Cash prizes for game winners!

50/50 Pot Raffle:  
1 ticket for \$5, 3 tickets for \$10,  
8 tickets for \$20  
Do not have to be present to win!  
Winner chosen  
at the end of the last bingo game!


**CASH, CHECK, OR VENMO ACCEPTED.**  
**A TV will be set up to watch March Madness basketball games!**

**ADVANCE TICKETS AVAILABLE UNTIL MARCH 19!**

CHURCH/PARISH HALL:  
613 N. 7TH ST., KANSAS CITY, KS 66101  
CONTACT: 913-371-1408  
PARISH OFFICE:  
632 TAUROMEE AVE., KC, KS 66101

For More Information

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St. Mary-St. Anthony Catholic Church



The Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas is seeking to hire Victim Care Advocate, which would be responsible for providing outreach and trauma-informed care to known survivors and their families to create a relationship that will allow the best understanding as to how the church may meet the needs that have arisen from the harms that have occurred. A minimum two or more years' relevant work experience with victims of abuse is required. To apply, please visit: <https://recruiting.paylocity.com/Recruiting/Jobs/Details/2993985>

### Altar Servers Needed!!!

Welcome to our new families of St. John the Baptist Church. We are very excited to see young families again and would like to welcome any child who has completed their First Holy Communion to join our Altar Servers team. Please contact **Michelle Garcia** at [mygarcia@wycokck.org](mailto:mygarcia@wycokck.org) or 913-645-6726 for any questions you may have. May the Lord bless you!!!

**Croatian Open Golf Tournament** is **May 16, 2025**. Our field is unofficially full. However, if you golfed last year please submit your team entry fee of \$400 by **April 10** 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 equipment and lane maintenance. 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)




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