



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

1st Sunday in Lent

February 22, 2026

Matthew 4:1-11

Parish Office:

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Office: (913) 371-0627

Hours: Mon-Thu 8:30am-5pm Fri 8:30am- 4

Web: stjohnthebaptistcatholicchurch.com

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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 February)

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



For it is written:

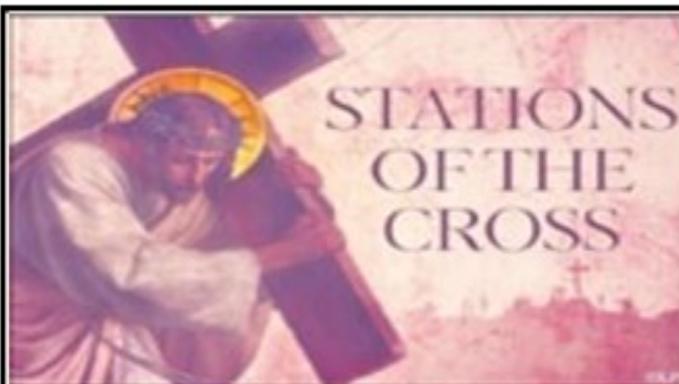
*"You shall not put the Lord,
your God, to the test."*

-Matthew 4: 1-11

Keeping In Touch

This past week in many ways has been what I might refer to as a normal week with perhaps one exception, an "important exception." The exception that I speak about is Ash Wednesday the beginning of Lent. It is hard to believe that Lent is here already, but it is good that Lent is here already. In many ways I look forward to this season because it is an opportunity for me and indeed for all of us to pause and to look into our lives to acknowledge how we are following the Lord. One of the ways that we pause is through our conscious acts of fasting, charity, and extra prayers. As I have spoken of in the past, Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. This penance that has been given to us by the universal church is not only a witness to our commitment to Christ, but it is also an opportunity for us to offer this sacrifice to God in atonement for our sins. On other Fridays of the year we are called to either abstain or to do another form of penance. These little things are given to us by the church to draw us closer to God. As we enter into this great season of Lent let us do so with the firm purpose of being very conscious and deliberate about the invitation to fast and abstain, to pray, and to perform works of charity and in this may we draw closer to the Lord and his ways.

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.



ACTS

ARCHDIOCESAN CALL TO SHARE

"In a world that changes constantly, we find our strength in each other and in the unchanging love of Christ. Rooted in that love, together we are called to renew our hearts, our Church, and our service to one another."

– Most Reverend
Shawn McKnight

ARCHDIOCESAN CALL TO SHARE

Follow-Up Weekend

As of February 20th, our parish is getting off to a slow, but steady start with 28 gifts totaling **\$7,170.00**. Our parish goal is \$20,000.00, however, 100% participation is our objective, As of right now we only have 16% total participation at this time

A gift, no matter how small or large, is appreciated by those truly in need.

To learn more, visit the ACTS website at <https://archkck.org/call-to-share/about-acts/>.

Archdiocesan Call to Share:

If we think the devil is a make-believe "boogie man," a comical cartoon villain who whispers into our left ear while angels whisper into our right, then the Gospel dispels this notion. The devil exists. He is crafty (he quotes Scripture to Jesus). He is persistent (he tries three times to get Jesus to bow to him). He can subtly lead us down seemingly harmless paths with small sins - the white lie here, the flash of anger there. He can also launch aggressive assaults when we are weak and vulnerable. He tries this with Jesus, who was susceptible after 40 days of isolation, prayer, and fasting. Fully human, Jesus understands our weakness. He was born and baptized as we were born and baptized. He grew up, like all of us do. He learned a trade from Joseph, just as our parents have taught us important lessons. And like us, he is tested by Satan. But he is not tempted. That is the difference. Our Lord never strays from the Father's plan for him, not with the devil in the desert and not with his crucifixion at Calvary. This Lent, let us remain ever vigilant to the devil's attempts to draw us away from God. Let us explore different ways to pray, perhaps saying the rosary on our evening walk. In addition to observing Friday's abstinence from meat, we can fast from criticizing others. And supporting ACTS - almsgiving - is a powerful way to share our blessings with those in need.



Scan here to donate
to the Archdiocesan
Call to Share

MISSION.ARCHKCK.ORG



For questions about your gift, please call the Office of Stewardship and Development at 913-647-0325.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, February 22-

9am- Ainsley Brajkovic
Milan Gasparovic
Janko & Marija Piskuric
Ivan, Louise & John Brozenic

Thursday, February 26-

8am- Anthony B. Pham

Saturday, February 28-

4pm- Vigil Mass at St. John the Baptist
People of the Parishes

Sunday, March 1-

9am- Nick & Joe Fabina
Dragutin & Barbara Cavlovic
Kenna Thomas
Mario Viskovic & his special intentions

LITURGICAL MINISTRY - FEB-MAR

February 21-22, 2026-

Lectors: J. Alvey ; A. Dordevic, Kl. Dordevic
Eucharistic Ministers: T. Jaksetic ; Ivana Dordevic
Servers: none ; I. Dordevic
Sacristans: T. Jaksetic, C. Delich ;
M. Alvey, B. Horvat

February-March 28-1, 2026-

Lectors: G. Garcia ; S. Glenn, M. Viskovic
Eucharistic Ministers: M. Garcia ; A. Kucenic
Servers: A. Garcia, M. Garcia ; none
Sacristans: A. Nastav, R. Nastav ; P. Hill, P. Mikesic

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

	<u>Sat. 02/14/26</u>	<u>Sun.02/15/26</u>
Envelopes:	1877.00	2062.50
Loose:	266.00	65.00
Building Fund:	1090.00	145.00
Candles:	76.00	99.50
Poor Box:		15.00
Black & Indian Mission:	35.00	31.00
Central & Eastern Europe:	5.00	10.00
Mass Intentions:	40.00	
Food Kitchen:		100.00
Donations:		100.00

Visit Our Sunday Visitor
online giving at
[https://osvhub.com/
stjohnthebaptists/
giving/funds](https://osvhub.com/stjohnthebaptists/giving/funds)



Prayer Requests

Pope Leo XIV, Lynda Thompson, Sarah Skradski-Coleman, John Christ Sr., Diane Boan, Milka Subasic, Dianna Stimac, Millie Sambol, James Lipovac, Chris Braun, 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.

(If you or a family member or a friend requests prayers for someone, we will add them on our Prayer List. Please contact the church office to renew, add, or remove a name from the list.)

Upcoming Events

Coffee and Donut Sunday

Coffee and Pancake Breakfast Sunday
Please join us **Sunday March 1st** after 9am Mass for a free pancake breakfast in the school auditorium hosted by the **St. Johns Catholic Club**. All are welcome! Please come and join the parish for fellowship and updates from other parishioners.



Food Kitchen

Food Kitchen date is for **Monday March 9th**. 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.



Please don't forget to pick up your rice bowl at the entrances of the church, your donation to the CRS Rice bowl is greatly appreciated for your support!

Just a few sides Notes....

Altar Servers Needed

"Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."



Would any of the children, who have made their First Communion, be interested in serving as Altar Servers for either Saturday or Sunday masses or both? Scheduling for each child will be once per month or at your request and since we only have Saturday masses every other month, there are only 6 Saturdays in the year in which they would be scheduled. Sunday scheduling can be up to 12 times for the year. If you are interested, please contact Michelle Garcia at mygarcia@wycokck.org or 913-645-6726. Training will be provided.

May God bless these little ones!!!

125th Anniversary Books

We're excited to share that the books are finally here! Please come by the office to pick up your book(s) during office hours Monday - Friday. If you paid for shipping then your books will be shipped next week! Thank you

Best Choice labels

Best Choice labels continue to be collected. A box is in the vestibule for you to drop off. Thank you in advance!!!



Trash Bags for Sale

We have trash bags for sale in the rectory. 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. Please stop by the church office during business hours of 8:30am-5pm to get yours! All proceeds will support our Parish. Thank You.



Use Your IRA for Charitable Giving:

An IRA qualified charitable distribution is an option for donors aged 70 1/2 and above with a traditional IRA. When given directly to charity, QCDs lower your taxable income and let you give without impacting your checkbook. Making a QCD to your parish endowment fund also supports your beloved community now and every year in the future. For more information, contact the Catholic Foundation of Northeast Kansas at 913-647-3062 or cfnek@archkck.org for more information.



HVALA VAM THANK YOU

Joe Cavlovic

March 18, 1936 - November 26, 2026

The Cavlovic family sincerely appreciates all the heartfelt thoughts, prayers, and donations in memory of Joe. A special thank you to Father, Wendy, & the Choir for the lovely funeral service, & to the Bereavement Committee for the wonderful luncheon for family & friends to join together & share memories of our beloved Husband, sweet Daddio, & fun-loving Papa Joe.

Please submit any bulletin news and events by Wednesday to the Parish office by phone 913-371-0627 or email to ourcroatianparish@gmail.com

St. John's Catholic Men's Club is proud to announce we are now accepting applications for the 2026-2027 Charles "Jake" Sutulovich scholarships. There are three scholarships available at the Elementary/Middle School, High School, and Higher Education levels. Each scholarship will be \$2,000.00. The scholarships are open to all with a connection to St. John Club, St. John the Baptist Parish and/or the scholarship applicant's Croatian heritage. For applications and questions please email **Andy Mikesic** at andymikesic@gmail.com.

2026-2027
CHARLES "JAKE" SUTULOVICH
SCHOLARSHIPS

- ✓ Honor Jake's Legacy
- ✓ Pursue Your Education
- ✓ Achieve Your Dreams

APPLY NOW!

Back by Popular Demand

Lenten Shrimp Dinners



Friday February 27, 5:30 pm

Friday March 27, 5:30 pm

Dinner includes:

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

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



CULTURE PROJECT FREE SERIES

For young adults ages 18-35. The Culture Project will be hosting a free series called "Theology of the Body Nights" that will be on Thursday evenings from Feb. 19th - March 19th in St. John's basement. Come to learn more about and discuss Catholic teachings on John Paul II's *Theology of the Body* while also meeting new young adult Catholics in the area. Snacks and drinks will be provided!

TOB NIGHTS THEOLOGY OF THE BODY

What does it mean to be human? What is God's plan for sexuality?
JOIN US AS WE DIVE INTO LIFE'S BIG QUESTIONS.

7-9pm St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

FEB 19/ COME AND SEE
FEB 26 / LIVING IN THE ECHO
MAR 5 / THE OTHER SIDE OF EDEN
MAR 12 / KEEPING THE END IN MIND
MAR 19 / LEARNING THE LOVE SONG

RSVP!

Contact Bayleigh Donahoe with any questions at 402-306-3849

CP THE CULTURE PROJECT

BINGO NIGHT AT THE PAL

SATURDAY, FEB 28 PAL KCK 800 N. 5TH ST.

\$50 ticket includes bingo cards for every game played, dinner, beer and soft drinks. Tables of 8 available for \$400.

DOORS OPEN AT 5, BINGO STARTS AT 6

Prizes!

Buy tickets in advance at www.palkck.org or at the door the night of

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH ALTAR SOCIETY

2026 RUMMAGE SALE!

Mejak Hall, 513 Ohio Ave., Kansas City, KS

churchWIDE RUMMAGE SALE

Thursday, April 9 - 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Friday, April 10 - 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 11 - 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 12 - 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

First day customers get the best choices!

WE NEED YOUR USED, CLEAN ITEMS & TREASURES!

YES, we want...

- Furniture
- Appliances
- Electronics
- Household Décor (i.e. picture frames, knick-knacks, new & used candles)
- Ceiling Fans
- Lamps
- Flat Screen TV's (working)
- Seasonal Decorations (Valentines, Easter, Christmas)
- Gently Used Toys
- Books
- Sporting Equipment
- Cell Phones, Music CD's, & DVD's
- Linens, Bedding, Quilts, Sheets
- Antiques
- Chiefs, Royals, KU & K-State Clothing (No Other Clothing)
- Purses

NO we don't want...

- Computer monitors
- Non-working televisions & Old Box TV's
- Car seats, baby beds
- Chemicals
- Paint
- Mattresses
- Large entertainment centers
- Furniture that is broken & unclean
- Stained, odorous, or any items with mold.
- NO CLOTHES OR SHOES!!!**

Accepting donations beginning March 7. Please deliver to the back door of the gymnasium and to be able to drop-off inside the gymnasium, as we do not have people to carry the items into the gym.

Delivery of items can be arranged by contacting Patty Westfall at 913-342-6817 or Sandy Cannon at 913-492-2612 or 913-396-1564 to schedule a time for drop-off.



Taste of KCK

RESURRECTION CATHOLIC SCHOOL



You helped us raise
\$170,287
Thank you!

Still want to contribute to our scholarship fund?
You can donate at rckck.org or by mail.

Of Course You Need a Date!
... We'll Help Get You Started!



Date Night

You are invited...

Thurs. Mar. 12th
6:00-7:30pm
Chicken 'N Pickle
5901 W. 135th St, Overland Park, KS 66223

Date Night is School of Love's beloved recurring event for married (& engaged) couples of all ages.

We start your date with drinks, appetizers, & a brief talk on faith, marriage, & family...

You finish your date at home or on the town.

more info at



www.schoolofloveusa.com/date-night

HOLY FAMILY
513 OHIO
KANSAS CITY, KS

March 14th

BINGO Night



\$20

DINNER &
BINGO CARD

Doors open at 5pm
Sausage Sandwich Dinner served until 8:15pm
BINGO starts at 8:30pm

21+

Call for tickets

913-413-0022, 913-396-1564 OR 913-905-9399



"GO, THEREFORE, AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS..."

LUKE 18 2026

March 20th - March 22nd

SCAN ME





PRAIRIE STAR RANCH
1124 CALIFORNIA RD
WILLIAMSBURG, KS 66095

\$60.00
Per Student

TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM RETREAT PROVIDED