



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

2nd Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2026

Matthew 17:1-9

Parish Office:

708 N. 4th Street, Kansas City, KS 66101

Office: (913) 371-0627

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

Web: stjohnthebaptistcatholicchurch.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 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

Prayer Line (913) 281-4448

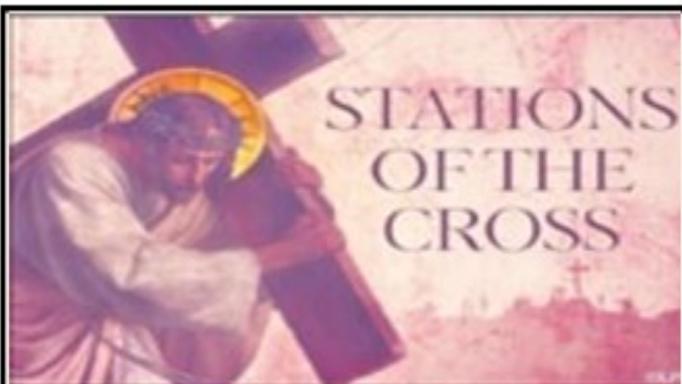


Keeping In Touch

Last Sunday after the mass I jumped in the car and headed for the monastery in Oklahoma where I am the extraordinary confessor. I spent all day Monday and part of Tuesday hearing confessions of the monks. On Tuesday I had to leave a little earlier than I normally do because I had to get back for a meeting in the afternoon with the Archbishop and my brother deans. We have these meetings several times throughout the year not only to share amongst ourselves and with the Archbishop, but to report what is also happening in the deaneries and for the Archbishop to share with us information that we need to know. It was a great meeting and from that meeting I went to the board meeting of Resurrection Catholic School which was also a good meeting. It is always great to hear of good things happening at Resurrection Catholic School. Needless to say by the end of the meeting I was tired from a very full day and the five hour drive. On Wednesday I had a meeting with the judges of the tribunal to decide various cases that are before us. Unfortunately when Thursday came around, I discovered that somewhere during the week I picked up a cold so Thursday and Friday while I did some stuff, I tried to lay low. With this week at an end I look forward to the week to come.



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.

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/>.



Scan here to donate to the Archdiocesan Call to Share

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

When the disciples drop their nets to follow Jesus to accompany him in his ministry, they first call him “teacher” and “rabbi.” Gradually, their perception of him begins to change, and they see him as others see him—as a prophet. Then this understanding deepens further; they recognize Jesus as the Messiah the world has been waiting for. All along, Christ has been revealing his divinity to his disciples, teaching them that their discipleship comes with a cost, and preparing them for his coming suffering and death.

For Peter, James, and John, the Transfiguration is “proof positive” that Jesus is the fulfillment of what the prophets have been promising. If Jesus’ face shining like the sun and his clothes becoming white as light is not telling enough, the voice of the Father clearly states, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” Talk about a teachable moment!

Light dispels darkness. The hope of the resurrection is stronger than the pain of the Passion. Initiatives like ACTS make tangible God’s light and love and give hope to those in our community who need it the most. Please prayerfully consider if this is one way you can share the promise of the resurrection by making a gift today.



**“This is my beloved Son,
with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him.”**

— Matthew 17:5



Scan here to learn more about your impact

Thank You!



Celebrating 50 Years
of Your Generosity

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, March 1-

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

Thursday, March 5-

8am- Anthony B. Pham

Saturday, March 7-

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

Sunday, March 8-

9am- Mirica Black & Kathy Suljak
 Josip Livojevic
 Kovach Family
 Janko & Marija Dukovcic

LITURGICAL MINISTRY - MARCH

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

March 8, 2026-

Lectors: C. Schneider, M. Viskovic
Eucharistic Ministers: I. Dordevic
Servers: I. Dordevic
Sacristans: S. Sandelich, M. Alvey

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

	<u>Sat. 02/21/26</u>	<u>Sun.02/22/26</u>
Envelopes:	1512.00	1765.50
Loose:	180.00	45.00
Building Fund:	80.00	370.00
Candles:	126.50	130.50
Poor Box:		65.00
Easter Flowers:	20.00	
Black & Indian Mission:	50.00	18.00
Central & Eastern Europe:	100.00	63.00
Mass Intentions:		140.00
Donations:		50.00

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

St. Bernadette's Circle

Members of the circle are invited to come to the meeting on **Tuesday March 10 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

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

Just a few sides Notes....

Altar Servers Needed

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.



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.



Charitable Gift Annuities (CGAs)

Charitable Giving:

Receive income and support your parish: If you are age 55 or older and would like fixed lifetime income, a charitable income tax deduction, and the opportunity to support your parish endowment fund, consider a charitable gift annuity (CGA). Your fixed payout rate is based on your age at the time of the gift. For a personalized illustration, contact the Catholic Foundation of Northeast Kansas at 913-647-3062 or cfnek@archkck.org.

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



in Memoriam

Judith A Gorsky

August 9, 1943 - December 6, 2025

Judith A. Gorsky, 82, KCMO, formerly of Kansas City, KS passed away Saturday, December 6, 2025 at Saint Luke's Hospice House. Funeral services will be on **Friday, March 6** at **St. Peter's Cathedral**, 416 N. 14th Street, KCK. *Visitation* at 9:30 a.m. followed by funeral Mass at 10:30 a.m. Burial will take place immediately after at Mt. Calvary Cemetery. The family requests no flowers. Memorial donations may be made in Judith's name to St. Peter's Cathedral, University of Saint Mary in Leavenworth women's scholarships or Sister Servants of Mary. More details can be found and condolences expressed at: www.porterfuneralhome.com

Altar Society News

Join us for a Lenten retreat on **March 12th** sponsored by our St. John the Baptist Altar Society. The day will begin with 8:00 Mass followed by the Rosary and continental breakfast. **Fr. Kevin Cullen, S.J.**, Program Director of the Marillac Retreat and Spirituality Center will reflect on Pope Leo's Encyclical, *Dilexi Te: I Have Loved You*. Confession will be available. The retreat will conclude at 12:00 with lunch. All are welcome. The cost is a free will offering. **Please RSVP by March 9th** with your name and phone number to sjbaltarsociety@gmail.com or by calling the church office at 913-371-0627.

I have loved you

Pope Leo XIV's first Apostolic Exhortation

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

HOLY FAMILY
513 OHIO
KANSAS CITY, KS

March 14th

BINGO Night



\$20

DINNER &
BINGO CARD

Doors open at 5pm
Sausage Sandwich Dinner served until 6:15pm
BINGO starts at 6:30pm

21+

Call for tickets

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

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH ALTAR SOCIETY



2026 RUMMAGE SALE!



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

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.



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!

The Culture Project

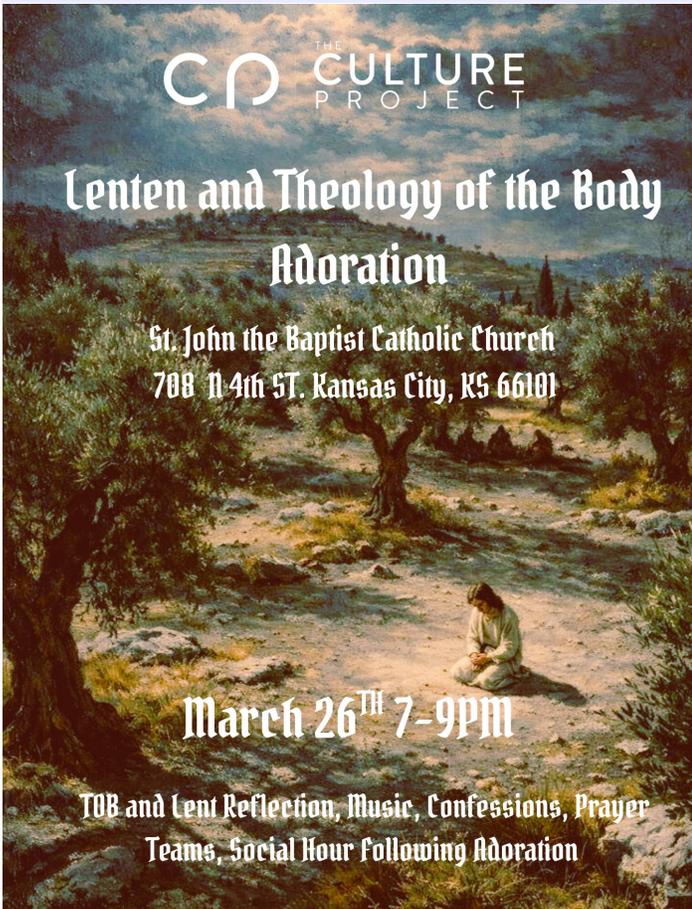
Candlelit Lenten and Theology of the Body Adoration

Lent and TOB reflection, music, confessions, prayer teams, social hour following adoration
March 26th, 7 pm - 9 pm

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
 708 Nth 4th St, Kansas City, KS 66101

Join The Culture Project for a candlelit evening of adoration with a Lenten and Theology of the Reflection. Confessions and prayer teams will be available. Following adoration, stay for a social hour of fellowship and community.

All are welcome!



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.