



# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church



March 15, 2026

4th Sunday in Lent

John 9:1-41

## 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](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

## Prayer Line

(913) 281-4448



**"I was blind and now I see."**

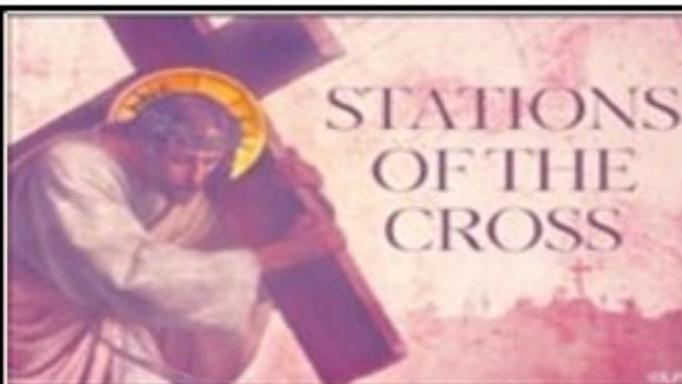
*John 9:1-41*

## Keeping In Touch

Last Sunday after all the Masses I headed to the airport to catch a plane to California. I am here giving talks to the Servants of Mary. I started off at their Convent in Oxnard, CA and on Friday I moved to the Convent in Los Angeles. Each day I give 4 hours of talks. I also celebrate Mass for them, lead a Holy Hour and other prayers. Every day is very full. While it is a very busy time, it is also a very blessed time. I did sneak a few minutes to visit with the Friars at the Augustinian Monastery in Oxnard and stopped in to see the Friars that are at the Sisters Nursing Home in Newbury Park, CA. It is always a blessing to spend time (even if it is very short) with brother Augustinians. I will not be with you this weekend but I will be returning the end of the week and look forward to seeing you all then. Know that I carry you all in my prayers and please say a pray for me that the last talks will go well and that I will have safe travels home.



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

As of **March 6th**, our parish is getting off to a slow, but steady start with **42** gifts totaling **\$10,565.00**. Our parish goal is **\$20,000.00**, however, **100%** participation is our objective, As of right now we only have **24%** 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.

*Look at the world around you through Jesus' eyes.*

*There are so many ways we can shine a light on God working in our midst, like contributing to the Archdiocesan Call to Share.*

It's difficult to wrap our brains around suffering. When bad things happen, we want to know why. Why does a good and faithful servant of the Lord have to suffer a protracted and painful death? Why is an innocent child born with a heart defect or must battle cancer? Why does one neighbor lose his home to a natural disaster while another escapes the storm's wrath? We want to give pain meaning, to understand its purpose.

That's what the disciples are wondering when they ask Jesus why the man in today's Gospel is blind. Is his lack of sight a physical manifestation of his sinfulness? Or his parents'? Is God punishing him for some transgression? No, Jesus says. Our Father is loving. Just as our parents

would not wish us ill, neither does our Heavenly Father. Pain and suffering exist, but not because God actively wills it. Sorrows in this life are an opportunity to experience God's grace, to draw closer to Him, to identify with the suffering Christ endured on the cross for us. The man's blindness—and cure—helped advance Jesus' ministry in making God known on earth: "it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him."

Funds raised by the Archdiocesan Call to Share help ease suffering by making God's love and mercy tangible through the Church's ministries and programs that the Appeal supports. Please prayerfully consider easing others' burdens with a gift to the ACTS.

**"I WAS BLIND AND  
NOW I SEE."  
- JOHN 9:25**



**ACTS**  
ARCHDIOCESAN  
CALL TO SHARE

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### **Sunday, March 15-**

**9am-** Joe, Franjo, Janko, Cavlovic & Marija Bert  
Joseph Sutulovic  
Miho & Milka Car  
Joe Cavlovic & Ivan Zeleznak

### **Thursday, March 19-**

**8am-** Josip Zucevic  
Joe Cavlovic  
Anthony B. Pham

### **Saturday, March 21-**

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

### **Sunday, March 22-**

**9am-** George, Ainsley, Jim, & Frank Brajkovic  
Frank & Mary Najajzer  
Family of Nikola & Jadranka Gojmerac  
Joe Cavlovic

## LITURGICAL MINISTRY - MARCH

### **March 15, 2026-**

**Lectors:** M. Viskovic, R. Sambol  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** A. Kucenic  
**Servers:** A. Garcia, M. Garcia  
**Sacristans:** K. Moutray, B. Horvat

### **March 22, 2026-**

**Lectors:** Kl. Dordevic, A. Dordevic  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** M. Tomasic  
**Servers:** A. Garcia, M. Garcia  
**Sacristans:** H. Rebeck, W. Christ

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

*Sun.03/08/26*

Envelopes:	2492.00
Loose:	34.00
Building Fund:	320.00
Candles:	203.00
Poor Box:	8.25
Easter Flowers:	45.00
Catholic Relief:	68.00
Priest Retirement:	70.00
Central & Eastern Europe:	20.00
Mass Intentions:	20.00
Food Kitchen:	20.00
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

**Palm Sunday Bake Sale** The Altar Society will host the annual Palm Sunday Bake Sale on the weekend of **March 28th and 29th**. Bake goods can be dropped off in the church basement after 2pm on Saturday, March 28th or before Mass on Sunday, March 29th. Delicious baked items will be available for purchase on Saturday from 2-5 and on Sunday after Mass. Apple Strudels will be for sale for \$15 per strudel with a limit of 3 per person (no pre-orders). There will be donuts and coffee after Mass on Sunday, March 29th. Please support the Altar Society by participating in this event.

**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](mailto:andymikesic@gmail.com).



## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:ourcroatianparish@gmail.com)

# 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 402-306-3949

CULTURE PROJECT

### The Culture Project

#### Candlelit Lenten and

#### Theology of the Body Adoration

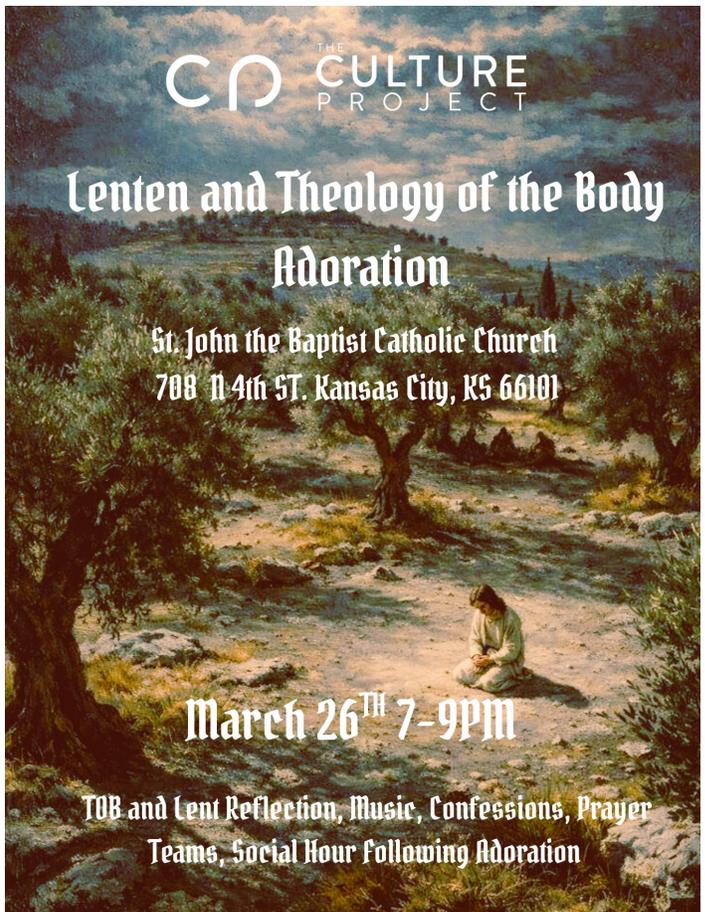
Lenten and TOB reflection, music, confessions, prayer teams, social hour following adoration

**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!



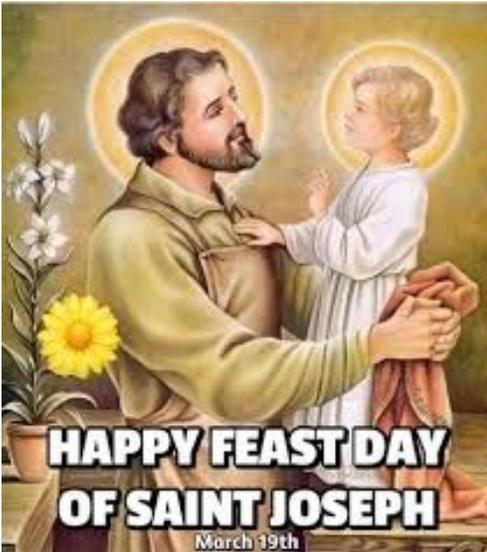
CULTURE PROJECT

## Lenten and Theology of the Body Adoration

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

March 26<sup>th</sup> 7-9pm

TOB and Lent Reflection, Music, Confessions, Prayer Teams, Social Hour Following Adoration



## St. Patrick's Day, March 17



Saint Patrick pray for us!

### St Patrick Prayer!

As I arise today, may the strength of God pilot me, the power of God uphold me, the wisdom of God guide me. May the eye of God look before me, the ear of God hear me, the word of God speak for me. May the hand of God protect me, the way of God lie before me, the shield of God defend me, the host of God save me. May Christ shield me today. Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit, Christ when I stand, Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me. Amen

**ST. CYRIL OF JERUSALEM**  
**PRAY FOR US**  
 MARCH 18TH  
 {315-386}

**Croatian Open Golf Tournament is May 15, 2026.** Our field is unofficially full. However, If you golfed last year please submit your team entry fee of \$400 by **April 15** 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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# Lenten Shrimp Dinners

**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

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...	NO we don't want...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Furniture</li> <li>Appliances</li> <li>Electronics</li> <li>Household Décor (i.e. picture frames, knick-knacks, new &amp; used candles)</li> <li>Ceiling Fans</li> <li>Lamps</li> <li>Flat Screen TV's (working)</li> <li>Seasonal Decorations (Valentines, Easter, Christmas)</li> <li>Gently Used Toys</li> <li>Books</li> <li>Sporting Equipment</li> <li>Cell Phones, Music CD's, &amp; DVD's</li> <li>Linens, Bedding, Quilts, Sheets</li> <li>Antiques</li> <li>Chiefs, Royals, KU &amp; K-State Clothing (No Other Clothing)</li> <li>Purses</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Computer monitors</li> <li>Non-working televisions &amp; Old Box TV's</li> <li>Car seats, baby beds</li> <li>Chemicals</li> <li>Paint</li> <li>Mattresses</li> <li>Large entertainment centers</li> <li>Furniture that is broken &amp; unclean</li> <li>Stained, odorous, or any items with mold.</li> <li><b>NO CLOTHES OR SHOES!!!</b></li> </ul>

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.