St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

3rd Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2026 **John 4:5-42**

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**

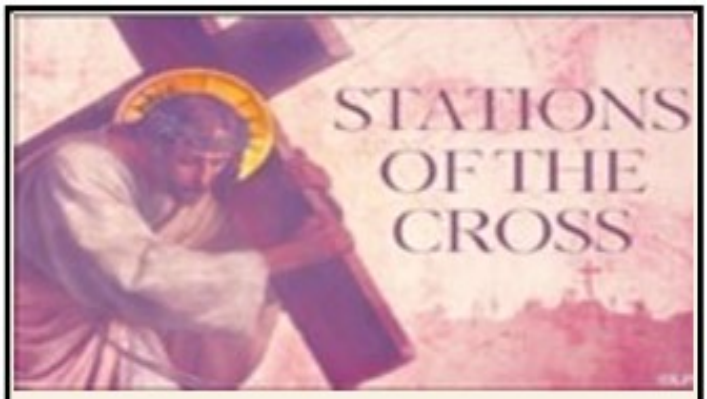
Sacraments:
Confession at 3 pm before Saturday Mass or call for appointment

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***



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.

Keeping In Touch

This past week we have our monthly deanery meeting. This month, however, was different from other months. In addition to all the priests we invited various people from parish leadership to join us. To prepare for the meeting we had each parish fill out a survey. At the meeting we briefly looked at the results of the survey and then entered into discussion about the pastoral life in our deanery. It was a great meeting and a great way to begin to discern how we can better fulfill the mission of Christ here in the deanery. This was only a beginning, but it was a great meeting and it filled us with hope. I invite you to join me in prayer for this discernment where we seek to find ways to help us thrive as a Christian community.

The rest of the week was filled with the normal busyness of life which this week included a lot of phone calls and emails. In the midst of the busyness of our lives let us continue to remember that we are in the annual Lenten season where we focus on prayer, fasting, and charity to lead us into a deeper relationship with the Lord.

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

ARCHDIOCESAN CALL TO SHARE

Follow-Up Weekend

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/.**

Our well will never run dry with Christ. Christ is the wellspring of our life! And we can be Christ for others when we support ACTS.

"'Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst.'" – John 4: 14

We live in one of the wealthiest nations in one of the most prosperous times in the history of the world. Our life is full of convenience and time for leisure. We flip a switch, and a room is illuminated. We can satiate our hunger quickly by popping food in a microwave or hitting a drive-thru on the way home from work. Need water? Turn on the tap. There's no need to go to the well. But we are afflicted with a different kind of poverty, a poverty of spirit.

Good thing for Samaritan woman that she didn't live in our time, or she might have missed her chance for redemption. Jesus speaking to her, let alone asking her for a drink, is unheard of. Samaritans are considered "less than" and not worthy of interaction. But he goes even further. When she says the Messiah is coming, Jesus reveals himself to her: "'I am he, the one who is speaking with you.'" His message is received, and believed, and her life is changed forever. With Jesus, no one is outside the fold—not even Samaritans—and no one is beyond redemption—not even the gravest sinner.

Are our priorities bringing us closer to Our Lord? Are we living according to God's plan for us? Are we filling our "bucket" with Christ? As his disciples, we are called to live with heaven in mind, and we are also called to bring as many people as we can with us! The programs and ministries that the Archdiocesan Call to Share support unite people with Our Lord. This Lent, please consider ACTS as a way of giving alms.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, March 8-
9am- Mirica Black & Kathy Suljak
Josip Livojevic
Kovach Family
Janko & Marija Dukovcic

Thursday, March 12-
8am- Anthony B. Pham

Saturday, March 14-
4pm- ***Vigil Mass at Holy Family***
People of the Parishes

Sunday, March 15-
9am- Joe, Franjo, Janko, Cavlovic & Marija Bert
Joseph Sutulovic
Miho & Milka Car
Joe Cavlovic & Ivan Zeleznak

LITURGICAL MINISTRY - MARCH

March 8, 2026-
Lectors: C. Schneider, M. Viskovic
Eucharistic Ministers: I. Dordevic
Servers: I. Dordevic
Sacristans: S. Sandelich, M. Alvey

March 15, 2026-
Lectors: M. Viskovic, R. Sambol
Eucharistic Ministers: A. Kucenic
Servers: A. Garcia, M. Garcia
Sacristans: K. Moutray, B. Horvat

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

	Sat. 02/28/26	Sun.03/01/26
Envelopes:	2227.00	3290.50
Loose:	156.00	195.00
Building Fund:	300.00	425.00
Candles:	101.50	113.00
Poor Box:		5.00
Easter Flowers:	60.00	10.00
Black & Indian Mission:		20.00
Catholic Relief:	25.00	10.00
Priest Retirement:		10.00
Mass Intentions:		10.00
Food Kitchen:		100.00
Donations:		3450.00

Visit Our Sunday Visitor online giving at **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

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.

Holy Week Silent Retreat: Behold the Man
Christ's Peace House of Prayer 22131 Meagher Road Easton, KS 66020 ***Friday, March 27th at 5:30pm – Sunday, March 29th at 4:30pm,*** Enter Holy Week in profound silence as you contemplate the mystery of Christ's Passion through the lens of the Shroud of Turin. Drawing from Mark Antonacci's Test the Shroud, this retreat invites participants to reflect not only on the scientific and historical insights surrounding the Shroud, but—above all—on its witness to the suffering, love, and triumph of Jesus Christ. Participants will be led to meditate on the wounds of Christ, the depth of His self-giving, and the hope revealed in His Resurrection. This retreat offers a sacred space to remain close to Jesus during His final days, to behold the mystery of redemption, and to open your heart to the transformative graces of Holy Week. Cabins/Courtyard Rooms: $180 Single/ $270 Couple or Single Guest Rooms: $110 (Meals Included). To attend, fill out the Individual Retreat Form at ChristsPeace.com or call 913.773.8255.

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.

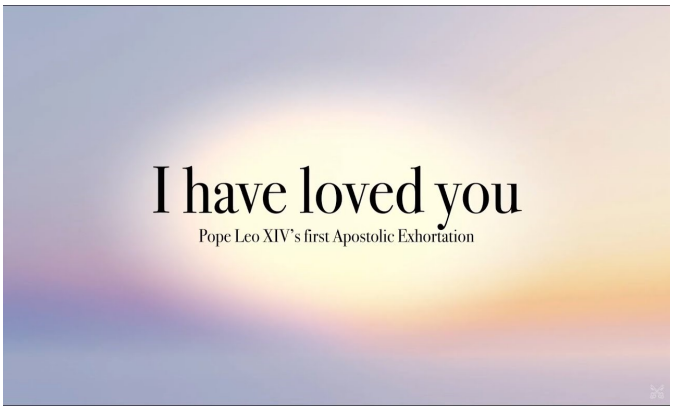
Charitable Gift Annuities (CGAs) Charitable Giving:

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**

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.



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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

RSVP by calling:

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

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**.

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**

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GOLF TOURNAMENT

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH ALTAR SOCIETY

churchWIDE RUMMAGE SALE

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
- Chief's, 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

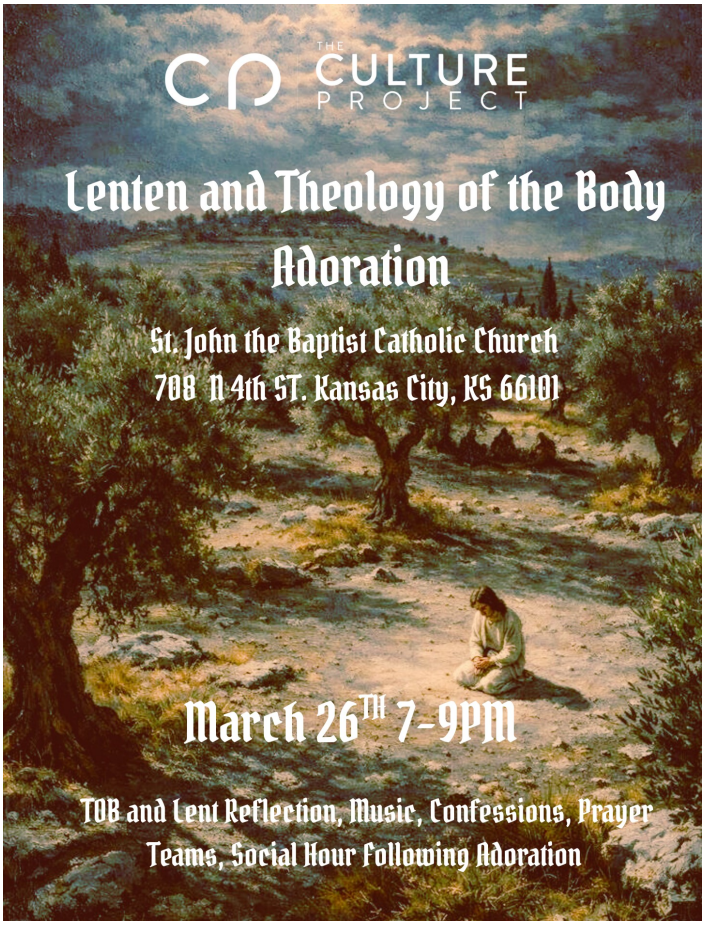
Candlelit Lenten and Theology of the Body Adoration

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!

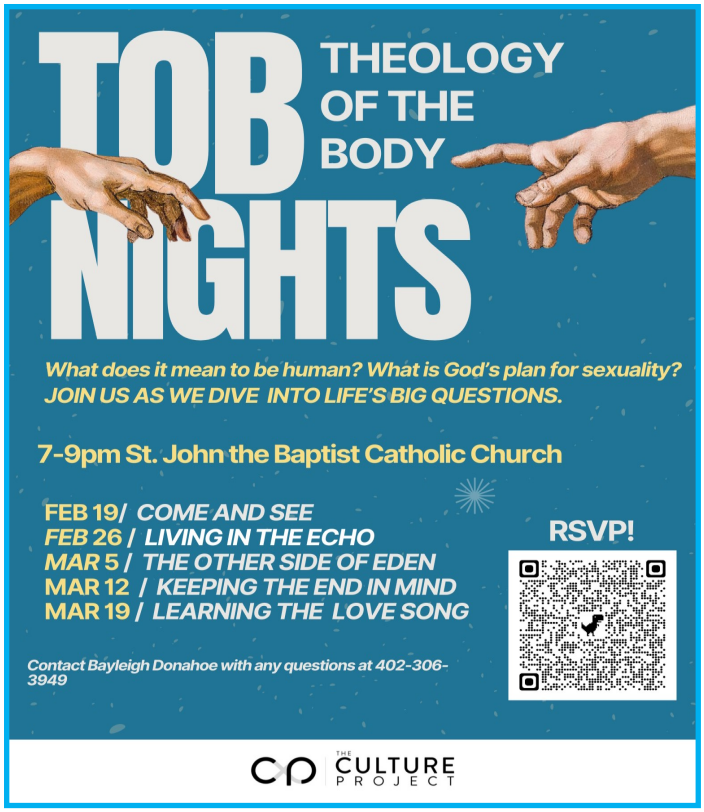


Join Our Team – Outreach Manager Catholic Charities is seeking a compassionate, joy-filled and motivated individual to serve as an Outreach Manager. Primary responsibilities include leading the Outreach Team in the areas of community and parish engagement, poverty education, and federal food programming across the 21 counties of the Archdiocese. To learn more or apply, visit **https://catholiccharitiesks.org/careers/**

FINAL CALL!

Couples celebrating their
50th Wedding Anniversary in 2026

Archdiocesan 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration
June 7th, 2026, 2:00 pm, Church of the Nativity/Leawood
To receive your invitation from Archbishop McKnight, please call the parish office and give us your name, address, phone number and date of your wedding.
Please do this as soon as possible.

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!