

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Father Joseph M Arsenault, SSA, Pastor
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 11, 2021

2021 Croatian Festival Update

Just a little over one month away from our 2021 Croatian Festival!

We have you covered on your favorite raffles. The poviticas are done and the salamis are ordered. On July 17, the church's talented bakers will be creating the apple strudels.

For the kiddos in the group, we will have the soda ring toss, the fishing pond and the treat booth.

50/50 Raffle

The popular Mini and Maxi raffle entries keep on coming. Looks like folks are excited for a chance to win \$2,500 or \$5,000!

We have collected 149 entries - that is \$7,450 in prize money and \$7,450 for the church.

The Mini Raffle entries stand at 64 so there will be at least two prize winners.

In the Maxi Raffle, we have 85 entries.

Support St. John's

We are pleased at the generous sponsorships. In just a couple of weeks, we have collected \$8,050. These donations will directly benefit our church.

Check out our contributors in the week's bulletin.

Money Raffle

Get those tickets in – let's stuff the basket this year! It costs \$1 per chance – there are six prizes with the big one being \$500.

This is the raffle we all remember from childhood. Once upon a time, we received ticket books. Today, the raffle tickets are on a sheet of paper – this saves mailing costs for our church.

Reservations for Sausage Dinner

The coveted 5 p.m. time slot is filling up fast!

Remember that advanced reservations – and payment - will be required this year for the dinner.

This will relieve congestion in the auditorium and allow us to better physical distance. Plus, your wait will be shorter because you have already paid and have a set time to eat.

Prize donations

Please drop your prizes in the church basement.



Summer Blessing for Families

May we make our homes places of relaxation,
joy, love, peace and safety.

May we be generous and considerate,
not thinking only about ourselves,
but helping others enjoy the blessings
of the summertime.

Lord God, Creator of all things,
guide our steps and strengthen our hearts
during these months of summer and vacation days.

Grant us refreshment of mind and body.

May we constantly strive
to make a meaningful difference
in the lives of our loved ones and
in the world around us
as we enjoy the warm days of summertime.

The Catholic Review

Mass Intentions

July 11 - 9 a.m. Sunday Mass
St. John's Parishioners

July 15 - 8 a.m. Thursday Mass
John Mikesic and Janko Ivicak

July 22 - 8 a.m. Thursday Mass
George & Katie Kucenic
Mirica Black, Mike Suljak, Special Intention

2021 Croatian Festival
Saturday, Aug. 21

Food Kitchen Updates

Big changes are happening at the Food Kitchen!

Instead of the drive-through sack lunches, hot meals will be served beginning in August. The meals will take advantage of government commodities funded by the State of Kansas.

This means the Food Kitchen will ask us to provide dessert items as we did before the COVID pandemic. Additionally, there will be a need for volunteers to help cook and serve the food.

The preparation day on Friday, July 9 has been cancelled. At 8 a.m., Monday, July 12, about 10 volunteers are needed to prepare sandwiches in the morning and later, to serve the lunches inside the facility. Additional food for the sack lunches will be

provided by the Food Kitchen.

Food Kitchen administrators have asked that volunteers be vaccinated and wear masks.

The number served will decrease as each person will receive one meal ticket. During the pandemic, people were requesting multiple sack lunches for each vehicle.

More information will be available in the coming month about what donations will be needed.

Our parishioners and friends have been gracious in feeding the hungry through money contributions, volunteer help and food items to fill the sack.

The pandemic has been a difficult time for many people who lost a job or lived paycheck to paycheck. Thanks to all for doing God's work.



Monday, July 12

8 a.m. - Food Kitchen at Holy Family, Volunteers needed!

Wednesday, July 14

11 a.m. - St. John's Senior Meeting, church basement.

Thursday, July 15

6 p.m. - Festival Committee Meeting, church basement.

Saturday, July 17

8 a.m. - Making apple strudels for festival, church basement.

4 p.m. - Holy Mass at Holy Family Church.

Sunday, July 18

Altar Society meeting after 9 a.m. Mass.

Saturday, July 24 & July 31

4 p.m. - Holy Mass at Holy Family Church.

Thursday, Aug. 5

6 p.m. - Festival Committee Meeting, church basement.

Saturday, Aug. 7

4 p.m. Mass begins at St. John the Baptist and continues throughout August. Confessions will be heard before Mass.

Monday, Aug. 13

Food Kitchen

Saturday, Aug. 21

4 p.m. Mass

5 p.m. Croatian Festival

Monday, Oct. 4

Strawberry Hill Altar Societies Second Annual Golf Tournament at Sunflower Hills Golf Course. Proceeds will benefit the Food Kitchen. Save the date!

Oct. 19 to Oct. 23

Church directory photos at St. John's and Holy Family. Sign-ups will begin after the 2021 Croatian Festival.

Our Parish People

We are celebrating some 80-plus birthdays! So call, write or give your wishes at the senior meeting on Wednesday or after Mass.

Addresses are in your church directory. Don't have one? Call Joanne Lally at (913) 281-4448 or get it at OurCroatianParish@gmail.com.

Walter and Enzina Reynolds

Sing twice! The lovely couple have birthdays just a day apart - June 28 and 29.

Matt Thomas

This young-at-heart gentleman celebrated a July 9 birthday.

Jim Fracol

Happy birthday to Mr. Fracol. His big day is coming up soon on July 25!

We wish health and happiness for these friends at St. John the Baptist.

They have been active members who shared volunteer time to preserve our church's tradition.

With Deepest Sympathies

Joan Marie Horvat passed away following a brief illness on July 6.

She attended St. John the Baptist grade school.

Joan is survived by siblings Julianne Yarnevich, Janet Koehler and Jim Horvat. She is preceded in death by her parents Irene B. (Bruson) and Joseph G. Horvat and brother Joseph A. (Joko) Horvat.

Services will be July 14 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Overland Park. Visitation will begin at noon and a Mass will follow.

We send our sincere condolences to the Horvat family at the loss of their sister.

Stay healthy and avoid COVID - get your FREE vaccine

Just when you thought life was back to normal, the new fast-spreading Delta variant of COVID has caused another spike in cases and become a growing public health issue.

COVID-19's Delta variant has surged in U.S. areas with a low vaccination rates, according to the Center for Disease Control. Kansas and Missouri are both among four states that are of great concern.

In Kansas, officials are encouraging people to wear masks once again and to get vaccinated.

COVID-19 and the Croatian Festival

The 2021 Croatian Festival and other large gatherings could be affected by the uptick in COVID cases.

While we hope this is not the case, our church will abide by the Unified Government Public Health Department guidelines in August.

Until then, the festival committee continues its planning.

Our Holy Father

Pope Francis and Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI received their own vaccines in January, according to Vatican News.

Afterward, the pontiff spoke to reporters in Italy, saying, "I believe that ethically everyone should take the vaccine. It is not an option, it is an ethical choice because you are gambling with your health, with your life, but you are also gambling with the lives of others."

The Holy Father suggested that people have an ethical duty to receive a vaccine as soon as possible.

Incentives to receive the vaccine

Many local pharmacies are offering gift cards – and no waiting – to encourage customers to vaccinate.

In Wyandotte County, the health department opened

a program in which those who receive vaccines will be entered into a daily drawing. Three winners, age 12 and older, will receive a \$500 Visa gift card.

The Unified Government has begun to close vaccination sites as the demand has decreased.

The old Kmart location, 7836 State Avenue, KCK, will remain open for testing and vaccines.

- ⇒ Vaccine hours will be 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday through Friday.
- ⇒ Testing will be administered 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday.
- ⇒ Other childhood vaccines (for school) will be available noon to 6 p.m., Wednesdays.

Together, we will continue to battle this longtime virus throughout the world.

4 p.m. Saturday Evening Mass Schedule

The 4 p.m. Saturday Mass will alternate monthly between St. John the Baptist and Holy Family churches.

Father Joseph will begin the Saturday Mass with Holy Family on July 3. The service will move to our parish on Aug. 7.

Confession will be offered before the Saturday Mass.

Holy Family

January
March
May
July
September
November

St. John the Baptist

February
April
June
August
October
December

Weekly Collections July 4, 2021

Envelopes:	\$	4,658
Maintenance:	\$	1,190
Candles:	\$	50
Poor:	\$	0
Mass Intentions:	\$	20

St. John the Baptist Church

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

(913) 371-0627 FAX: (913) 342-3324

Email: OurCroatianParish@gmail.com

Web: stjohnthebaptistcatholicchurch.com

Facebook: St. John the Baptist Croatian Parish

Instagram: OurCroatianParish

Prayer Line: (913) 281-4448



Support St. John the Baptist



2021 Croatian Festival

Strawberry Hill

The Worner Family

Strawberry Plant

Tom Podrebarac

Kathy Dumovich Kovac

Kathryn A. Zunick

The Lally Family

Marty Yadrick

Honoring Kathryn Zunick - Rick and Susan Robards

The Winterhalter Family

Anonymous

Strawberry Shortcake

Tony Kovach

Skradski Family (Helen, Matt Jr., George and Sarah)

Anonymous

Strawberry Preserves

Cheryl Sostarich

Tom and Carrie Lally

Pete & Pat Novosel

Anonymous (3)

Thank you for your generous support!

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2021 Croatian Festival

Donations accepted through Dec. 31, 2021



Donation Form

Our Croatian Festival is back this year. It will be a bit smaller and look a little different - all factors to keep the event as safe as possible. You will still find fun, food and drink, raffles and prizes, music and friendship - all done the Croatian Way!

St. John the Baptist has been fortunate because of your generous support for the maintenance and operations of our parish. Even without a festival, we were able to raise more than \$42,000 to continue the Catholic Croatian legacy.

Again, we ask for your help. Please consider a contribution to the 2021 Support St. John the Baptist. Proceeds are used for our church. Thank you for being part of our community!

YES! I want to help preserve St. John the Baptist and our Catholic Croatian legacy.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Strawberry Fields - \$5,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> Strawberry Shortcake - \$250 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Strawberry Hill - \$2,500 | <input type="checkbox"/> Strawberry Preserves - \$100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Strawberry Patch - \$1,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> Strawberry Seed - \$50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Strawberry Plant - \$500 | <input type="checkbox"/> Strawberry Pie - Choose amount |

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Do you want your name included in publications/social media? Yes No

You may drop this form in the weekly Mass collection with your payment or mail it to:

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Attention: Support SJB
708 N. 4th Street, Kansas City, KS, 66101

Information: 913-291-7539 or OurCroatianParish@gmail.com

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St. John the Baptist Catholic Church



\$5,000 Maxi Raffle

2021 Croatian Festival



Win money and help St. John the Baptist Catholic Church at the same time!
Here's how the Maxi Raffle works:

- ✓ \$100 donation, with the winning amount split 50-50 between the winner and the church. If 100 entries are sold, the winner will receive \$5,000.
- ✓ If more than 100 entries are sold, a second winner will receive half of the additional proceeds to a maximum of \$5,000. A third prize is possible if there are more than 200 entries.
- ✓ Entrants will receive a numbered receipt by return mail.

We will draw the winning tickets on Saturday, Aug. 21, 2021, at 708 N. 4th St., KCK, 66101. Winners will be contacted and posted on the church Facebook page.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please mail this form and your check to St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Attention: 50/50 Raffle, 708 N. 4th St., KCK, 66101; or you may drop this in the weekend Mass collection basket or the dropbox in the rectory door.

**Information: (913) 669-2493 or
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\$2,500 Mini Raffle

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Here's how the Mini Raffle works:

- ✓ \$100 donation, with the winning amount to be a 50/50 split between the winner and church. If 50 entries are sold, the winner will receive \$2,500.
- ✓ If more than 50 entries are sold, a second winner will receive half of the additional proceeds to a maximum of \$2,500. A third prize is possible if there are more than 100 entries.
- ✓ All entrants will receive a numbered receipt by return mail.

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Email: _____

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Sausage Dinner Reservations



2021 Croatian Festival
Saturday, August 21, 2021



(Because of the continued need for indoor distancing, we are not able to offer sarma dinners.)

We are pleased to bring you Sausage dinners. Each dinner is \$15 and includes Croatian sausage, bun, coleslaw, dessert, iced tea and coffee plus your choice of mashed potatoes or Croatian potato salad.

Dinners are only available through advance reservations. Use this form to order! We will try to accommodate your time preference, but reservations are offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

Upon receiving your form and payment, we will confirm your reservation time by email or phone.

Number of dinners to reserve: _____ x \$15 Total: _____

Do you plan to: Eat in the Auditorium _____ Take-out: _____

*(The number of people in the auditorium will be limited due to physical distancing.
Take-out orders must be consumed outside the auditorium.)*

Please indicate time preferences for your reservation. We will confirm reservations by phone or email.

5:00 p.m. _____ 6:00 p.m. _____ 7:00 p.m. _____

5:30 p.m. _____ 6:30 p.m. _____ 7:30 p.m. _____

Your Name: _____

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You may drop this form and payment in the weekly Mass collection, the dropbox in the back door of the rectory or by mail to:

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church,
Attention: Sausage Dinner Reservations,
708 N. 4th Street,
Kansas City, KS, 66101

For office use

Payment: _____

Reservation time: _____

Response made by: _____ Email _____ Phone _____

Information: 913-281-4448 or OurCroatianParish@gmail.com