

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church


Father Joseph M Arsenault, SSA, Pastor
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 25, 2021

Mass Intentions

July 25 - 9 a.m. Sunday Mass
St. John's Parishioners

July 29 -- 8 a.m. Thursday Mass
Kristina Baric
Katica Spudic

**2021 Croatian Festival
Saturday, Aug. 21**



The hand of the
Lord feeds us;
He answers all our
needs.

2021 Croatian Festival Update

Our 2021 Croatian Festival comes closer each day! Remember that Mass begins at 4 p.m. and the festival will open following the Mass.

Sausage Dinner Reservations

Reservations continue to arrive! We still have plenty of openings. Spend more time on the grounds visiting with friends and help us keep the lines short in the auditorium!

Raffles and Donations

Every day, there is a pile of envelopes with your money raffle and Strawberry Basket tickets, 50/50 raffle entries and donations for Support St. John's!

Our community continues to be generous and supportive - that is how we stay 100 years strong! Thank you for your giving spirit!

50/50 Raffle

We will have at least two winners in each category! There are 182 entries - \$9,100 in prizes and \$9,100 for the church. The Mini Raffle entries stand at 79 and the Maxi Raffle has 103.

Support St. John's

Can you believe we have already collected \$21,450 from 47 contributors?

We started the sponsorships/Support St. John's in 2017 and raised \$11,850. The amount increased in 2018

to \$13,800; then to \$21,600 in 2019. Last year, supporters pushed us over the \$30,000 mark.

Desserts

Our sausage dinner will include a yummy dessert.

If you would like to contribute cupcakes, cookies or other goodies, contact Beckie Mikesic at reb.mikesic@gmail.com.

Prize donations

Kiddie prizes and treats have started to appear on the back porch of the rectory from your donations and the Amazon Wish List (the link is on the church website.)

Leave your items in the church basement on Sundays.

COVID Update

The pandemic is not over yet. The virus continues to linger. It's time to pull out those masks again and keep your distance.

Delta, Gamma and Lambda variants are striking hard. Especially hit are those who have not received a vaccine, like our little ones.

Your festival committee will continue to monitor the public health guidelines in the next few weeks.

We hope and pray that you remain healthy and safe.

Yes! Free vaccines are still available for those 12 and older. News reports indicate that children 5 through 11 should be able to have their shots sometime this fall.

All of us look forward to the end of COVID!

Our Parish People

Birthday wishes

Bake the cake and light the candles! We have some birthdays.

The happiest of days to our good friends and fellow parishioners, Helen Skradski and David Martin!

Hope your day is filled with sweetness and light - and lots of presents!

Greetings

A big St. John's welcome to two new parishioners. Please say hello and introduce yourself to them!

Nancy Chartrand is a Strawberry Hill resident and works for the Kansas City Kansas Police Department.

Teresa Tranckino grew up in the Strawberry Hill area and knows us

well, having volunteered with our strudel and povitica making.

We are glad you have joined our flock!

With deepest sympathies

Frances Catherine Rodina died July 14. She was 95.

A talented seamstress, Frances made costumes and supported the Don Lipovac Orchestra. She served as wardrobe mistress for the St. John's Tamburitians, made uniforms for local Catholic schools, wedding dresses and sewed the first cheerleader uniform for the Kansas City Chiefs.

She is survived by her children Edward (Nancy), Stephen (Mary) Therese Manning, Barbara Golubski

(Reg) and Bernadette (Tommy Diehsner); and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Frances was a Navy wife for 24 years and is preceded in death by her husband, Edward, and siblings.

Visitation will be 9:30 to 11 a.m., Monday, July 26, at the church. A rosary will begin at 10:45 a.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will follow with inurnment at Mount Calvary Cemetery. Mass at 11. A luncheon will be served in the Church lower level after the committal service at Mt. Calvary Mausoleum.

We are saddened at the loss of our long-time friend and parishioner. Our sincere condolences are with her family.

Our Parish News

Saturday Mass - August at SJB

Father Joseph has enjoyed seeing so many of you at the 4 p.m. Saturday - held this month at Holy Family Church.

Mark your calendar for Aug. 7 when the Saturday service will switch to St. John the Baptist for the month.

Confession will precede the Mass.

Food Kitchen Update

We are returning to providing hot

meals in the Food Kitchen, beginning with the next event on Aug. 16.

Once again, your help is appreciated to feed our community's hungry. Please consider donating baked goods to serve as desserts.

If you don't bake, you can still help! Simply include a tasty treat in your grocery cart and drop it off before weekly Mass on Aug. 15. You may also submit a donation.

Thank you for your continued

support and help to those with the greatest need.

In case you forgot....

Our parish is in great need of your service. Please pledge to donate a small amount of time once a month at Mass.

We need volunteers to be Sacristans, lectors and Eucharistic Ministers. Call (913) 371-0627 or email us at OurCroatianParish@gmail.com.

Weekly Collections July 18, 2021

Envelopes:	\$	2,024
Maintenance:	\$	185
Candles:	\$	64
Poor:	\$	0
Funeral donations:	\$	100
Mass Intentions	\$	210

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Email: OurCroatianParish@gmail.com

Web: stjohnthebaptistcatholicchurch.com

Facebook: St. John the Baptist Croatian Parish

Instagram: [OurCroatianParish](https://www.instagram.com/OurCroatianParish)

Prayer Line: (913) 281-4448

Making Apple Strudel 2021



The church basement was filled with laughter on July 17. A community of 50 bakers - veterans and beginners - worked to make delicious apple strudels for our 2021 Croatian Festival.

Volunteers stretched, pulled and rolled dough, cut apples and mixed the sugar and cinnamon. These treats are now frozen and waiting for winners to claim them as prizes!

Thank you to St. John's Altar Society for your donation of supplies.

Photos by Mla Tomasic



2021 Croatian Festival
Strawberry Basket Raffle



Three Strawberry Baskets, valued at \$100-\$150, will be raffled at the 2021 Croatian Festival on Aug. 21!
Tickets are \$3.00 or 4 for \$10.00



Send your Strawberry Basket tickets with payment to:
St. John the Baptist, Attn: Strawberry Basket, 708 N. 4th St., KCK, 66101.

You may also drop in the collection basket or rectory mail drop - or bring your tickets to the festival!
Our festival will begin after 4 p.m. Mass - around 5 p.m. See you there!

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Strawberry Fields

Alex & Pat Gorsky

Strawberry Hill

The Worner Family

Strawberry Patch

Joe Baric Family (Joe, Jim, Lisa, Cathy & Janice)

The Taylor Families

Vince & Georgette Pemberton

Strawberry Plant

Tom Podrebarac

Kathy Dumovich Kovac

Kathryn A. Zunick

The Lally Family

Marty Yadrick

Honoring Kathryn Zunick - Rick & Susan Robards

The Winterhalter Family

St. John's Altar Society

Anonymous (3)

Thank you for your generous support!



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2021 Croatian Festival

Strawberry Shortcake

Tony Kovach

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

Anita Gasparovic

Rose Andrisevic

Ivana Morris & David Martin

In Memory of Nick Kucenic

Anonymous (2)

Strawberry Preserves

The Sostarich Family

Tom & Carrie Lally

Pete & Pat Novosel

Barbara Zurga

In Memory of Kate & Ike Modrcin

Loren & Helen Taylor

St. John's Senior Citizens

Ted & Pam Rusovick

Jim Fracol

Bernadette & Mark Tomasic

Joe Vardyan

Verne & Velma Heshner

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2021 Croatian Festival

Strawberry Preserves

The Mikesic Family

Anonymous (3)

Strawberry Seed

Mary Gasparovic

Francie Sachen

Claudia Munjak Gibson

Millie Sambol

Frank & Ljubica Kozar

Anonymous

Strawberry Pie

Theresa Jaksetic

Thank you for your generous support!

Support St. John the Baptist



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.

Strawberry Fields - \$5,000

Strawberry Hill - \$2,500

Strawberry Patch - \$1,000

Strawberry Plant - \$500

Strawberry Shortcake - \$250

Strawberry Preserves - \$100

Strawberry Seed - \$50

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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\$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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- ✓ \$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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Sausage Dinner Reservations



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(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: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

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