



**Parish Office:**  
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**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 May)*  
 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

This past week was indeed a full week. Besides the normal liturgies and office work, I had the addition of various other things to my calendar. This past week I was assigned for confessions and mass at Resurrection Catholic School. It is always a joy for me when it's my turn to be at the school for these sacraments. Great things have and continue to happen at our school. Another thing that was added to my calendar was a meeting of the judges of the Tribunal. We try to meet about every month or every six weeks to discuss and decide various cases that are assigned to us. It is always a great moment of coming together where we experience fraternity, intellectual stimulation and prayer. While we gather to discuss and decide cases based upon the laws of the church, we always begin our session in prayer because this is the work of God and one day we will stand before God and make an account of the decisions we rendered.

The next thing that I found on my calendar was a parish council meeting for one of our parishes. How blessed we are in our parish family! It is always wonderful to not only discuss all the good things that are happening and the many ways we are blessed, but also to look to the future as being what we can and are being called to do by God. Speaking of our parish family I also found myself being called upon to administer the Sacrament of the Sick to several parishioners. Please say a little prayer for them and for all our sick. The final addition to my calendar this week was a memorial mass for Fr. Raymond Gaitan which was in Topeka. As you know as I have spoken of it before, Fr. Raymond was a brother Augustinian and good friend. Please continue to pray for the repose of his soul.

With the busyness of this past week behind me I pause for a moment of deep gratitude and look forward to the week to come.

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



## *First Holy Communion*



Parishioners of St. John the Baptist would like to congratulate **Elise Hughes** who will receive her First Holy Communion on *Sunday, May 4, 2025 at the 2:00 p.m. Mass at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church*. Elise is the daughter of parishioner **Hope Hughes** and granddaughter of **Danny and Wendy Christ**. May God's love and grace be with her today and always! We pray that she will continue to grow closer with Jesus in a deeper way and strengthen her faith.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday, May 4-**

**9am-** John Ivan Podrebarac  
Josip Panijan  
Georgette Pemberton  
Jeffrey Hughes & Samuel Hughes

**Thursday, May 8-**

**8am-** Franklin Paul Stimac

**Saturday, May 10-**

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

**Sunday, May 11-**

**9am-** Mike Suljak  
Mary Suljak & Mary Livojevic  
Cena Cavlovic & Ana Zeleznak  
Kate Yuratovich

## LITURGICAL MINISTRY - MAY

**May 4, 2025-**

**Lectors:** C. Schneider, M. Viskovic  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** A. Kucenic  
**Servers:** A. Garcia  
**Sacristans:** H. Rebeck, W. Christ

**May 11, 2025-**

**Lectors:** M. Viskovic, S. Taylor-Glenn  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** N. Gasparovic  
**Servers:** I. Dordevic  
**Sacristans:** B. Horvat

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

	<u>Sat.04/26/25</u>	<u>Sun.04/27/25</u>
<b>Envelopes:</b>	525.00	1959.00
<b>Loose:</b>	135.00	86.00
<b>Building Fund:</b>		325.00
<b>Candles:</b>	55.85	95.00
<b>Poor Box:</b>		17.00
<b>Good Friday:</b>		10.00
<b>Easter Sunday:</b>		10.00
<b>Central &amp; Eastern Europe:</b>		20.00
<b>Mother's Day:</b>		10.00
<b>Donations:</b>		50.00

Visit Our Sunday Visitor online giving at

<https://osvhub.com/stjohnthebaptistks/giving/funds>



## Prayer Requests

Repose Soul of Pope Francis I, Sarah Skradski-Coleman, Milka Subasic, Millie Sambol, James Lipovac, Chris Braun, Dianna Stimac, Ana Piskuric, George Fracul, 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.

## Upcoming Event

### **125th Anniversary Book -**

Please remember that the deadline for submitting your family memory page was **May 1st however if you haven't sent in your order please do so as soon as you can!** . Send to [sjb125years@gmail.com](mailto:sjb125years@gmail.com) or drop off at the rectory. Also, we need your photos of our SJB priests for the book - celebrating sacraments as well as casual photos.

### **Coffee and Donut Sunday**

The event will be hosted by the **Altar Society** on **Sunday May 4th**. Please come and join the parish for fellowship and updates from other parishioners.

### **Mother's Day Brunch**

Once again St. John's Catholic Club will be having a Mother's Day breakfast. It will be after 9:00 am mass on **May 11**. Tickets are still only \$5.00 and available at the club at 913-371-9690 or contact **John Mikesic** at 913-669-3262. Hope to see you there!

### **Food Kitchen**

Food Kitchen date is for **Monday May 12th**. 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.

### **Monthly Senior Luncheon**

Senior meeting and lunch will be provided. Bring a friend and come join us for fellowship, with bingo and prizes on **Wednesday May 14th** starting at 11 am in the church basement.



The May - June edition of the "Building a Civilization of Love" family newsletter is now available! We hope that it will provide resources and offer encouragement along your journey! Use the QR code or go to the link below to read now!



Story of a Soul

Musical Meditations on the Little Flower

Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of St. Thérèse of Lisieux's Canonization

Saturday, May 17 - St. Mary Catholic Church  
600 N Liberty St, Independence, MO 64050

Sunday, May 18 - Cathedral of St. Peter the Apostle  
409 N 15th St, Kansas City, KS 66102

7:00 PM Concert  
6:30 PM Pre-Concert Lecture  
Presented by Fr. Lawrence Carney III

Bring Flowers of the Rarest

Bring flow'rs of the fairest,  
Bring flow'rs of the rarest,  
From garden and woodland  
And hillside and vale;  
Our full hearts are swelling,  
Our Glad voices telling  
The praise of the loveliest  
Rose of the vale.

O Mary! we crown thee with blossoms today,  
Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May,  
O Mary! we crown thee with blossoms today,  
Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May.

John 21:15-17

17 The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"  
Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you."  
Jesus said, "Feed my sheep."



### **DON LIPOVAC “One of a Kind” Exhibit**

Strawberry Hill Museum, 720 N. 4th St., KCK  
**Weekends May 3rd through Sept 21, 2025** Tour times: 11:30, 1:00, and 2:30 (\$10.00). Tickets are available online, and at the door. Don was known locally for his accordion accomplishments, playing at weddings, festivals, and with his Don Lipovac Polka Band. He was an active member of his parish **Holy Family Catholic Church**, the instructor for St. John Tamburitzans, a member of several Halls of Fame, and holds many more accomplishments. Come experience the exhibit to learn more about the man who created memories for so many people in various communities.

### **St. John’s Catholic Men’s Club**

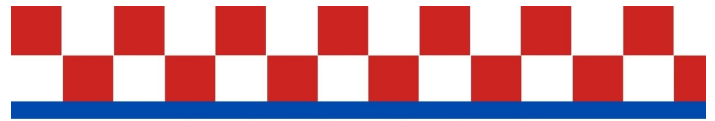
Is happy to announce our scholarships available for the 2025-2026 academic year. There are three scholarships available this year. One to a student attending Catholic elementary/middle school, one to a student attending Catholic high school, and one to a student attending a Catholic university/college or a student attending higher education that graduated from a Catholic high school. Each scholarship will be in the amount of \$2,000 and will be awarded based on academic performance, financial need, and service to St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. Past recipients are not eligible for the same scholarship level. If you’d like an application, please see Wendy in the rectory or look in the back of the church. Submissions are due *by May 11th*.

### **ST. JOHN’S CATHOLIC CLUB ANNUAL CROATIAN GOLF TOURNAMENT**

SUNFLOWER HILLS GOLF COURSE,  
**FRIDAY, MAY 16TH, 2024**



SILENT AUCTION The Croatian Golf committee is sponsoring a Silent Auction Item to be awarded at the golf tournament **Friday, May 16th**. Complete Furnace Installation Donated by Adam Golubski, Owner, Delta T Heating & Cooling, LLC. If the past winter has you thinking about a new furnace, you’re in luck! Bid now on this brand new Lennox HVAC system, including installation, generously donated by Delta T Heating & Cooling, LLC. This package is valued at \$5,400.00. Auction is open to anyone, golfers and non-golfers. Minimum bid restrictions must be met. The most current bid will be posted on St. John’s Club Facebook page. For more detailed information or to place your bids, email **Joe Sachen** at [sachenjoe@gmail.com](mailto:sachenjoe@gmail.com) or text 913-708-4689. Your bids will be placed in the order in which they are received. The auction ends on May 16th, 2:00pm which is the end of the golf tournament. As always, we appreciate your generosity and support. Thank you.



## **88TH ANNUAL CROATIAN DAY PICNIC**

SATURDAY, JUNE 7

5:00PM-10:00PM

(AFTER 4PM MASS)



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Honor your loved one this Easter season and help your parish. When you make a gift to the parish Endowment Fund in honor of or in memory of a loved one, they are remembered forever and the parish benefits in perpetuity. Go to [cfnek.org/make-a-gift](http://cfnek.org/make-a-gift) to support the parish.

Our parish’s endowment fund helps provide for the sustainability of our parish by guaranteeing funds as it grows. You can give to the parish endowment fund now or through a planned gift of cash, part or all of a retirement account, insurance policy, or other asset. To learn more or for assistance making a gift, visit [cfnek.org](http://cfnek.org) or contact us at [cfnek@archkck.org](mailto:cfnek@archkck.org) or 913-647-3062.

### **UPCOMING EVENT!**

**Polka Dance - June 28 (new date!)**  
*Featuring the Brian McCarty Band!*

*Sponsored by the Holy Family Altar Society*

