



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

20th Sunday In Ordinary Time

August 17, 2025

Luke 12:49-53

Parish Office:

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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 St. John the Baptist in August)

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

Jesus said to his disciples:

"I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!

There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished!

Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth?

No, I tell you, but rather division.

From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three;

a father will be divided against his son

and a son against his father,

a mother against her daughter

and a daughter against her mother,

a mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law

and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law."

-Luke 12:49-53



Keeping In Touch

Well, life is back in full swing! My first full week back has certainly been a full one. In addition to all the regular things, I had to meet with the new priests of the diocese during their orientation session to speak about the Tribunal. I also had the WYCO Deanery meeting. During the month of June and July, we did not have our regular meeting and so it was good to be back together again as we look forward to the coming months in our deanery.

The final thing that took place this past week was that the Archdiocese at the chancery is assessing the various ways in which we operate. This involved some extra meetings and interviews with me. It was a very pleasant experience and I look forward to the recommendations of how we can better operate at the chancery and be of service to God and his people. With this week completed, I look forward to next week.

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



Come for the festival after 4 pm Mass on Saturday August 16, 2025 on the church grounds. Then, at 9 pm cross the alley to come dance to the music of Jim Baric & Friends. You will still be able to buy water, pop, and beer at the dance.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, August 17-

9am- Katherine Suljak
Elizabeth Ann Curtin
Nick & Joe Fabina
Family of Nikola Jadranka Gojmerac

Thursday, August 21-

8am- Kate & Ike Modrcin
Special Intention

Saturday, August 23-

4pm- Vigil Mass at St. John the Baptist
People of the Parishes

Sunday, August 24-

9am- John F. Mikesic
Janko Hlade & Family
Family of Nikola Jadranka Gojmerac
Deceased Members of
St. Theresa & St. Bernadette's Circle

LITURGICAL MINISTRY - AUGUST

August 16-17, 2025-

Lectors: M. Viskovic, P. Mikesic ; M. Garcia
Eucharistic Ministers: S. Glenn ; G. Garcia
Servers: I. Dordevic ; A. Garcia
Sacristans: A. Nastav, R. Nastav ;
S. Sandelich, G. Garcia

August 23-24, 2025-

Lectors: B. Horvat ; S. Glenn, M. Viskovic
Eucharistic Ministers: S. Morrow ; C. Schneider
Servers: none ; M. Garcia
Sacristans: B. Horvat, C. Kolich ; P. Mikesic, P. Hill

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

	<u>Sat.08/09/25</u>	<u>Sun.08/10/25</u>
Envelopes:	N/A	N/A
Loose:	These numbers will be in the	
Building Fund:	next bulletin.	
Candles:		
Poor Box:		

Visit Our Sunday Visitor online giving at

[https://osvhub.com/
stjohnthebaptists/
giving/funds](https://osvhub.com/stjohnthebaptists/giving/funds)



Prayer Requests

Pope Leo XIV, Kathy Riley, Sarah Skradski-Coleman, Milka Subasic, Millie Sambol, James Lipovac, Chris Braun, Dianna Stimac, 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

Strawberry Hill Museum DON LIPOVAC

"One of a Kind" Exhibit, 720 N. 4th St., KCK.

Weekends through Sept 21, 2025.

<https://strawberryhillmuseum.org>



The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary - August 22

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy,
our life, our sweetness and our hope.

To thee do we cry,
poor banished children of Eve.
To thee do we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.
Turn then, most gracious advocate,
thine eyes of mercy toward us,
and after this our exile
show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb,
Jesus.
O clement, O loving,
O sweet Virgin Mary.

Please submit any bulletin news and events by Wednesday to the Parish office by phone 913-371-0627 or email to ourcroatianparish@gmail.com

The Building and Grounds/Facilities Committee would like to highlight some of the projects around our St. John campus including projects completed, ongoing and coming soon:

Completed:

- ♦ Auditorium repairs/painting including the new front doors and entrance ramp/stairs, roof repairs, including metal flashing installed on parapet and walk in refrigeration unit repaired
- ♦ HVAC in the church and auditorium
- ♦ Church basement repairs, painting, bathroom repairs
- ♦ Sidewalks and driveway entrance repaired
- ♦ Rectory roof replaced
- ♦ Organ/pipe work

Current/ongoing projects:

- ♦ Rectory window repairs/replacement
- ♦ Roof and drainage repairs above auditorium
- ♦ Brick treatment repairs for the church and auditorium
- ♦ Replace all storm door entrances to the church
- ♦ Replace alley doors to the school

Near future projects:

- ♦ Sacristy/confession rehabilitation/updates/remodels
- ♦ Auditorium window replacements
- ♦ Repairs/updates/additions to auditorium bathrooms

We would also like to Thank St. John club for also contributing to the upkeep of St. John the Baptist including by donated new refrigerators for the auditorium bar area, repairing the walk-in cooler in the auditorium kitchen, replace the sign in front of the church and helping keep our parish vibrant in the Archdiocese.

**END OF SUMMER SOCIAL GATHERING
WITH THE SISTERS!**

**Saturday, September 6, from
11:30a.m. – 2:00p.m.**

All are welcome to join the Sisters, Servants of Mary, Ministers to the Sick for hotdogs and ice cream on the backyard patio at the Convent. Free will donation.

**800 N. 18th St.,
Kansas City, KS 66102.**



Meet an Archdiocesan Seminarian

Alex Rickert, grew up in Ascension parish in Overland Park. He is a seminarian at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary in St. Louis, MO, just served a pastoral year at St. Catherine/Didde Center in Emporia, KS.



When Alex was 7, his family converted to Catholicism. As he grew in his faith, the possibility of priesthood became increasingly more real to Alex when his grandfather was ordained a Catholic priest. Alex's advice for those contemplating the priesthood or a religious order is to remember "our Lord desires infinitely your ultimate good, your ultimate happiness, your ultimate fulfillment. He knows what He's doing if He's inviting you to more deeply consider a vocation that you haven't thought about much."

Slovenefest 2025

Saturday, September 27

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

274 Orchard Street, Kansas City, KS 66101
Celebrating the 100th anniversary of our current church building!

4:00 p.m. - Holy Mass

274 Orchard Street

5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Festivities

Msgr. Mejak Hall, Gym & School grounds - 515 Ohio Avenue

**Traditional Slovenian Dinner, Food Court,
Adult & Children Games, Raffles, Mega Money Raffle,
Cultural Booth & Souvenirs, Mini Silent Auction**

Music & Dancing featuring:

THE BRIAN MCCARTY BAND



For more information visit our website at www.holyfamilychurchkc.org, like & share the event on Facebook, or contact the church office at 913-413-0022.



All proceeds to benefit Holy Family Church



2025 Croatian Festival



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
on Historic Strawberry Hill

Welcome to festival weekend!

For the St. John's Festival Committee, this event is year-round. We are always talking about the festival, brainstorming ideas about the festival and working on the festival.

Our event draws 1,500 people to our parish. While many people have family ties to St. John's, others do not. So, we explain our Croatian heritage by our music, our food and our friendliness.

As we begin our festival with Mass, let us thank our Lord for this wonderful event and the many people who make this happen.

Thank you, Father Joseph, for supporting the festival!

And a big nod goes to Chris Schneider who has led the team for 35 years.

We send our sincere gratitude to Chris and the rest of the festival team: Don Taylor, Kenny Yarnevich, Beckie and John Mikesic, Rick Braun, Jaime Clark, Bernadette Tomasic, Teresa Kovac, Stephanie Taylor Glenn, Patrice Dorian, Rich Sambol, Karolyn Tomasic, Annie and Mike Kucenic, Sarah and Greg Soptic, Mia Tomasic, Goran Dordevic, Cathie Burroughs, Cherri Taylor, Sarah and Brier Wilhelm, Branko Ugarcina, Ella Tomasic and Kathy Bareiss – all of whom are volunteers.

Each year, we hope to bring in new team members who can share a fresh perspective and help us try new things. Don't worry, we keep all the favorites!

This is the group who organizes and plans, makes phone calls and sends texts, pours through "to do" lists and spends the festival week working at St. John's.

These wonderful folks bring with them an army of wonderful volunteers who help with a thousand tiny things, some of whom spent most of festival week at St. John's. We give thanks for the many people who make the festival work as they.....

- Make poviticas and strudels.
- Roll sarmas, cook the kielbasa and make the side dishes.
- Work at booths
- Run errands
- Cook and serve food at the Croatian Dinner, the Grill and the Cobanac booth.
- Bake cookies.
- Set up and take down the tables, chairs and booths
- Clean up the grounds
- Haul items to the booths.
- Pour beer
- Order supplies and pick them up
- Make jewelry
- Find beautiful items for the Strawberry Boutique
- Carry around two truckloads of pop and water!

This help is invaluable.

And we applaud the fabulous Hrvatski Obicaj who brings the joy of music to our Croatian Festival each year and is always a highlight that brings people to our church.

We appreciate the many people who contribute as sponsors; participate in our 50/50 Raffles, the money raffle and the strawberry basket raffle; and donate gifts and pop for Kiddie Land.

Of course, we thank the people who attend our festival to listen to music, eat and play the games.

All of these people and tasks are what makes the Croatian Festival one of a kind. In addition to having fun and seeing friends, we are raising funds for our beautiful church.

Here's to St. John the Baptist Catholic Church – we celebrate our 125th Anniversary this year. Our new anniversary history book will debut in October – you can pre-order yours at the Strawberry Boutique.

Enjoy!



Thank you to our 2025
Support St. John the Baptist Sponsors!
Chocolate-Dipped Strawberries

The Worner Family

Strawberry Fields

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The Taylor Families

Strawberry Hill

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In Memory of Sophia & David Kovac

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Strawberry Patch

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Strawberry Plant

The Tomasic Family	Anonymous
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St. John's Altar Society	
Charles and Mary Ann Trzok Laundry	



Strawberry Shortcake

Rick & Susan Robards	The John F. Mikesic Family
Kratofil Descendants	Walter & Mary Rendulic
Mike & Annie Kucenic	The Pierre Podrebarac Family
In Memory of Al Boan	In Loving Memory of Rita Rodina
Anita Gasparovic	& Sam Stice
Tim & Cindy Cavlovic	Hal & Andrea Skradski Thomas
Christine Allen Pitts	In Memory of Mary Ann Schneider
Anonymous (2)	Ivana Morris & David Martin
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Pam & Ted Rusovick	Denise Novogradac Zamora
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Strawberry Seed

Mary Gasparovic	Bernadette & Mark Tomasic
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Strawberry Pie

In Memory of Willie & Barbara Jaksetic
Randy Kelley
Louise Brajkovic
Anonymous

Thank you, Sponsors!
Your support to St. John the Baptist is appreciated!