



# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

## 18th Sunday In Ordinary Time

August 3, 2025

Luke 12:13-21

### Parish Office:

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

Office: (913) 371-0627

Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am-5pm

Web: [stjohnthebaptistcatholicchurch.com](http://stjohnthebaptistcatholicchurch.com)

Email: [ourcroatianparish@gmail.com](mailto: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 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

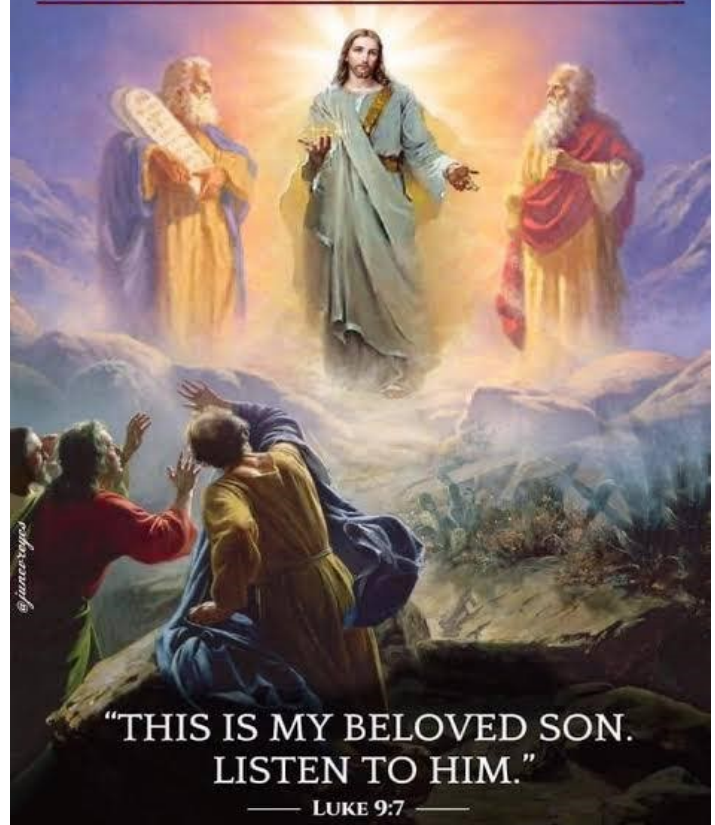
Ken Yarnevich

913-371-9690

### Prayer Line

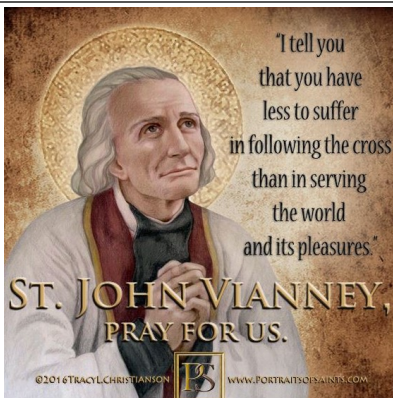
(913) 281-4448

### FEAST OF TRANSFIGURATION



"THIS IS MY BELOVED SON.  
LISTEN TO HIM."

— LUKE 9:7 —



Happy Feast Day

Saint John Vianney

The Cure d'Ars

1786 - 1859

Feast Day: August 4

Patronage: all priests

After many obstacles and suffering, St. John Mary Vianney

(Jean-Baptiste-Marie Vianney) became one

of the most celebrated parish priests in the Catholic Church. He fought for souls in his small town in Ars, France by fasting, praying and hearing confessions until the wee hours of the morning. He converted many souls and because of this, the Devil often tempted him in the middle of the night, but he was so strong and so rooted in prayer that he was able to triumph. It is said that the Devil once told St. John Vianney, "If there were three such priests as you, my kingdom [in France] would be ruined."

### Keeping In Touch

Greetings from Canada once again. My time here in Canada is quickly coming to an end and I will be back soon. This week was another great week with my family. Me and my mother travelled to New Brunswick (8 hr drive) to visit my brother and his family. While we were there my niece celebrated her 15th birthday. It was a great visit and the drive there and back was very good. Right now two of my aunts are visiting us and we are having great fun. I hope that all is good with you all and I look forward to seeing you all soon. As always, be assured of my prayers.



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

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday, August 3-**

9am- Joseph A. Schwab  
Frank & Ana Piskuric  
Donald R. Sales  
Walter & Dragica Gasparovich

**Thursday, August 7-**

8am- Jeffrey & Hope Hughes

**Saturday, August 9-**

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

**Sunday, August 10-**

9am- John "Ivan" Podrebarac  
Miho & Milka Car  
Mio, Veronika, Joe, Lojze Sudac  
Marija & Janko Dukovcic

## LITURGICAL MINISTRY - AUGUST

**August 2-3, 2025-**

**Lectors:** L. Worner ; V. Tomasic, W. Christ

**Eucharistic Ministers:** M. Tomasic

**Servers:** M. Garcia

**Sacristans:** M. Foster, J. Foster ;  
B. Horvat, K. Moutray

**August 9-10, 2025-**

**Lectors:** M. Grisnik ; C. Schneider, R. Sambol

**Eucharistic Ministers:** S. Morrow

**Servers:** A. Morrow ; A. Garcia

**Sacristans:** T. Jaksetic, C. Delich ;  
H. Rebeck, W. Christ

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Sun. 07/27/25

Envelopes:	2679.00
Loose:	118.00
Building Fund:	245.00
Candles:	149.00
Poor Box:	14.50
Mass Intentions:	20.00
Donations:	650.00

Visit Our Sunday Visitor online giving at  
<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

### **New Office Hours**

**Monday thru Thursday - 8:30am - 5:00pm**  
**Friday - 8:30am - 4:00pm**

### **"Roll Sarma Roll"**

**Thursday, August 14th**, is sarma making day for St John's festival dinner. Come join us after the 8:00am mass. Gentleman, We can use your help as well. We gather in the school library, behind the auditorium stage/kitchen area. Questions to Teresa Kovac home 913-342-2367 cell 913-401-9346. Bring your paring knives and aprons! Just asking as we are getting close to Festival time!



### **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!!!



### **Strawberry Hill Museum DON LIPOVAC**

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

**Weekends through Sept 21, 2025.**

<https://strawberryhillmuseum.org>

**JOIN US 9/4/25**

HEAR FROM THE PHYSICIAN WHO BROKE AN ABORTION CLINIC AND USED THE SHARDS TO

**POINT TO LIFE.**

**LIFE & HOPE Banquet**

**OVERLAND PARK CONVENTION CENTER**  
COCKTAILS, 6 P.M. | DINNER & PROGRAM, 7 P.M.

Scan to become a sponsor or purchase tickets. To learn more about our event, visit [LIFEANDHOPETEAM.ORG/EVENTS](https://lifeandhopeteam.org/events)

**OLATHE WYANDOTTE**  
PREGNANCY CLINIC

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





# 2025 Croatian Festival



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church  
on Historic Strawberry Hill

## Update for July 26-27

The festival is only a few weeks away! Join us on Saturday, Aug. 16, after 4 p.m. Mass.

We appreciate everyone who has submitted forms for the Croatian Festival! Your support of our festival directly benefits St. John the Baptist Church with funding for daily operations and maintenance.

The new heating and cooling system is definitely a plus this time of year. You will also see improvements being made at the rectory and the auditorium.

## Sponsorships

Wow! Our sponsors have brought in \$50,105, as of July 29.

Last year, we reached \$55,000 - the most ever. These contributions help us keep our 125-year-old buildings in shape.

## Mini-Maxi Raffle

Our goal is 200 entries and we have about 110. That form is in your "to do" pile, so fill it out and send it in! The cost is \$100 per entry.

Let's give away some prize money and you may be the lucky ones.

## Croatian Dinners

Last year, we sold out of dinners. Don't be that person who doesn't get sarma this year.

Tickets are still \$20 for the sarma dinner and \$15 for the sausage sandwich dinner. Both come with two sides, a bottle of water and cookies for dessert.

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Forms: [stjohnthebaptistcatholicchurch.com](http://stjohnthebaptistcatholicchurch.com),  
click 2025 Croatian Festival

You can also pay online at this site.

Information: [kckcroatianfestival@gmail.com](mailto:kckcroatianfestival@gmail.com),  
or call Kathy Lally Bareiss, (480) 926-8715.



## Strawberry Basket Tickets

If you have never participated in the Strawberry Basket Raffle, this is the year. Take a look at the bounty from 2024. The basket is always valued at more than \$1,000 of Strawberry, St. John's and Croatian items.

Tickets are \$3 or 4 for \$10.

## Money Raffle Tickets

This annual raffle has been around the decades! Prizes are \$500, \$250, \$100, \$75, \$50 and \$30 - any of which would be perfect for back-to-school for kids and grandkids, or Christmas!

These tickets are still \$1 each.

## KiddieLand

Our kiddos absolutely love this part of the festival. And the prices to play games are still 50 cents each.

We appreciate your donations of 2-Liter bottles of pop and toys/snacks for the game booth.

## Strawberry Boutique

Find all things strawberry here!

No new festival T-shirts this year, but we are having a close-out on shirts from previous festivals, all priced at \$10.

**Follow us on Facebook: *KCKCroatianFestival*.**



Thank you to our 2025  
Support St. John the Baptist Sponsors!



## **Chocolate-Dipped Strawberries**

The Worner Family

**Strawberry Fields**

The Gorsky Family

Patrice Dorian

The Taylor Families

**Strawberry Hill**

The Pemberton Family

In Memory of Sophia & David Kovac

Chris Horn & Family

**Strawberry Patch**

Jerry Cindrich

In Memory of Nick Kucenic

Marie Kolich

Kathryn A. Latelic Zunick

In Memory of Bill & Eleanor Modrcin

Marty Yadrick

Rich Sambol & Helen Skradski

The Joe Baric Family

Mike & Karen Svetlic

### **Strawberry Plant**

The Tomasic Family

The Dordevic Family

Tom Podrebarac

Pete Novosel

The Kovac & Krupich Families

The Lally Family      St. John's Senior Citizens

Kathy Dumovich Kovac

John Gasparovich

St. John's Altar Society

St. John's Catholic Club

The Tokic Family

In Memory of Robert Braun, Sr.

### **Strawberry Shortcake**

Rick & Susan Robard

Kratofil Descendants

Ivana Morris & David Martin

In Memory of Al Boan

Anita Gasparovic

In Loving Memory of Rita Rodina & Sam Stice

Tim & Cindy Cavlovic

Hal & Andrea Skradski Thomas

Christine Allen Pitts

The John F. Mikesic Family

Walter & Mary Rendulic

In Memory of Mary Ann Schneider

Mike & Annie Kucenic

Anonymous

### **Strawberry Preserves**

Pam & Ted Rusovick

Bob Janesko

Mike & Linda Aleksaites

In Memory of Kata & Ike Modrcin

John & Melissa Wiber

In Memory of Carol A. Kaifes

In Memory of George & Kate Yuratovich

The Yarnevich Family

In Memory of Joseph & Kristina Horvat

Barbara Palcher

### **Strawberry Seed**

Mary Gasparovic

Bernadette Acinger West

Richard & Adrienne Nastav

Anonymous

### **Strawberry Pie**

In Memory of Willie & Barbara Jaksetic

Randy Kelley

Louise Brajkovic

Anonymous

We greatly appreciate our Support St. John the Baptist Sponsors! Your contributions help our church directly. Right now, there are many improvements being made to our buildings.

This list is everything received by July 29.

Questions? KCKCroatianFestival@gmail.com, or call Kathy at (480) 926-8715.