



# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

## 25th Sunday In Ordinary Time

September 21, 2025

Luke 16:1-13

### 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 Holy Family in September)

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

At the beginning of this last week I was at the monastery where I am the extraordinary confessor. Even though my time there is spent in the confessional, it is always a joy for me to be with the community. This particular time was especially joyful in that while I was there four of the novices made their first profession of vows. Upon my return life was as busy as ever. On Wednesday we had the Presbyteral Council meeting with the Archbishop. This was the first meeting of the Presbyteral Council with the new Archbishop. It was a good meeting that was both challenging and hopeful.

The remainder of the week was filled with the normal busyness of pastoral life and office work. Looking forward to the week ahead I will be attending with our Archbishop and brother priests our annual Priest Convocation. Normally we would gather at Conception Abbey for our convocation, however this year we will be going to the Augustine Institute just north of St. Louis. As always I am looking forward to the presentations that will be given and to the fraternity among us. Please pray for us and know as always I carry you in my thoughts and prayers.

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



**Missionaries with The Culture Project** have recently moved back in at St. John's and Holy Family! They are excited to be back to serve the diocese this year by speaking to the youth about catechesis and Theology of the Body and serving the diocese in other volunteering opportunities. Their names are (from left to right) Katie McCarron from Ohio, Aaron Vrbka from Nebraska, Bayleigh Donahoe from Nebraska, and Chris Cochran from Alabama. If you see them around, give them a warm welcome and hello! If you would like to contact the missionaries for any questions, contact [avrbka@thecultureproject.org](mailto:avrbka@thecultureproject.org)

The Altar Society will meet on  
**Sunday, September 21st**, immediately following the 9:00 Mass. We will discuss the Altar Society's involvement in the Golf Tournament, our strudel fundraiser, Fr Joseph's Anniversary Party and the 125th Jubilee Celebration.

All members and those wishing to join the Altar Society are encouraged to attend.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday, September 21-**

**9am-** Family of Nikola Jadranka Gojmerac  
Franjo & Zdenko Cavlovic  
Kathy Stancic  
Ivan & Collette Perkovic

**Thursday, September 25-**

**8am- No Mass Priest Convocation**

**Saturday, September 27-**

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

**Sunday, September 28-**

**9am-** Nickola & Annie Kucenic  
Steve & Mike Suljak  
Zvonko Krstulic  
Dragica Jambrosic

## LITURGICAL MINISTRY - SEPTEMBER

**September 21, 2025-**

**Lectors:** A. Garcia, A. Dordevic  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** M. Tomasic  
**Servers:** I. Dordevic  
**Sacristans:** S. Sandelich, G. Garcia

**September 28, 2025-**

**Lectors:** C. Schneider, S. Glenn  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** A. Kucenic  
**Servers:** A. Garcia, M. Garcia  
**Sacristans:** P. Mikesic, P. Hill

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

	<u>Sun.09/14/25</u>
Envelopes:	2523.25
Loose:	64.00
Building Fund:	385.00
Candles:	145.25
Poor Box:	10.00
Leaven:	138.00
Mass Intentions:	120.00
Mission Appeal:	91.00
(Sister's Poor of Jesus Christ)	
Donations:	950.00

Visit Our Sunday Visitor online giving at  
<https://osvhub.com/stjohnthebaptistks/giving/funds>



## Prayer Requests

Pope Leo XIV, Diane Boan, 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 Event

IF YOU HAVEN'T SENT AN EMAIL TO RSVP FOR FR. JOSEPH'S CELEBRATION PLEASE DO SO BY TUESDAY!



Please join us for the  
25th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination  
Celebration for

**Rev. Joseph M. Arsenault, S.S.A.**

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be celebrated  
on Friday, October 3, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at

St. John the Baptist Church  
708 N. 4th Street  
Kansas City, Kansas 66101

A reception with a meal to follow Mass in the  
St. John the Baptist Auditorium

Please **RSVP** by September 25 to  
Wendy at 913-371-0627  
or [ourcroatianparish@gmail.com](mailto:ourcroatianparish@gmail.com)  
or Cathy at 913-413-0022  
or [holyfamilychurch1925@gmail.com](mailto:holyfamilychurch1925@gmail.com)

*The Celebration is presented by the parishes of  
St. John the Baptist and Holy Family*



# 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](http://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**

The annual Priest Convocation will begin on September 22 through September 26.

The 8:00 a.m. Thursday & Friday morning masses scheduled for St. John the Baptist and Holy Family parishes are cancelled due to the convocation.

## **Strawberry Hill Altar Societies -**

**Save the date -**

**GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**Oct 6<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm shotgun start.**

Dinner, beverages and snacks included.

\$100 per person until Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>;

\$125 after the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Carol Shomin, [cshomin@everestkc.net](mailto:cshomin@everestkc.net) or  
913.897.4833



The advisory board at Prairie Star Ranch is gathering data for strategic planning. We are trying to better understand whether people in our region are familiar with the work at Prairie Star Ranch. If you've been to the ranch, please tell us about your experience or if you have not visited, please let us know. The survey takes five minutes to complete and is available at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/37N3VZX>

or QR Code:



The goal of this survey is to understand the ministerial reach of Prairie Star Ranch today. We plan to use this survey over the years to gather data that will help us assess our current standing and identify areas for improvement. Any assistance is appreciated. The survey will remain open until the week of October 20, and we aim to receive responses from over 1,000 individuals. As an added incentive, Camp Tekakwitha will enter respondents who provide their email into a raffle for one

## *September 22, 2025* **AUTUMN EQUINOX BLESSING**

THE LIGHT AND THE DARK ARE THE SAME IN LENGTH,  
THEY HAVE EQUAL TIME AND EQUAL STRENGTH.  
BUT SOON THE DARKNESS WILL PREVAIL,  
AND THE LIGHT AND WARMTH WILL BEGIN TO PALE.  
BUT DO NOT BE AFRAID, DO NOT DISMAY,  
FOR THIS IS THE RHYTHM OF NATURE'S WAY.  
REJOICE IN THE ABUNDANCE THAT THIS YEAR BEARS,  
BREATHE DEEP IN THE COOLNESS AND CHANGE IN THE AIR.  
HAVE GRATITUDE AND BLESSING, KEEP TOLL,  
AND MAY THIS SHIFT OF NATURE ENLIGHTEN YOUR SOUL.



**125TH  
ANNIVERSARY**

# **DANCE**

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**

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**SATURDAY, OCT 25**

**• AFTER 4PM MASS •**

**DINNER-LIVE MUSIC-DANCING**

**MUSIC PROVIDED BY SINOVI**

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**TICKETS \$50**

**FOR TICKETS,  
CALL OR EMAIL MIA TOMASIC**

**816-673-4842**

**[miatomasic19@gmail.com](mailto:miatomasic19@gmail.com)**

**\*NO TICKETS SOLD AT DOOR\***