



# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

## 23rd Sunday In Ordinary Time

September 7, 2025

Luke 14:25-33

### 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

Parish Council

Altar Society

St. John's Club

Richard Sambol

Don Taylor

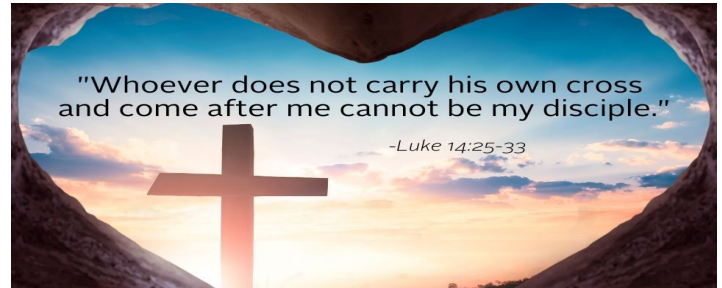
Kelly Moutray

Ken Yarnevich

913-371-9690

(913) 281-4448

### Prayer Line



"Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple."

-Luke 14:25-33

### WELCOME

### SISTERS POOR OF JESUS CHRIST

The Sisters Poor Of Jesus Christ will be speaking at Mass on **Sunday September 7th** for the annual

Summer Pontifical Mission Appeal.

Please consider a generous donation to help the sisters with their mission cause. Envelopes will be available either in the pews or on the tables at each entrance of the church for your donation. Thank you for your support!

### Keeping In Touch

This past week we had monthly Deanery meetings. As you've heard me say before it is always a joy to get together with my brother priests. We had a good meeting and look forward to the year ahead. As one might suspect with the new Archbishop things are going to be a little different. While change can be difficult, we look forward with excitement because we know that we are in a good place because of the past and our foundation is sure.

This coming week I will be away at the National Workshop of Christian Unity. I will speak more about this next week, but in the meantime I ask that you please say a prayer for a safe travel and a good meeting. As always know that I carry you all in my thoughts and prayers.

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

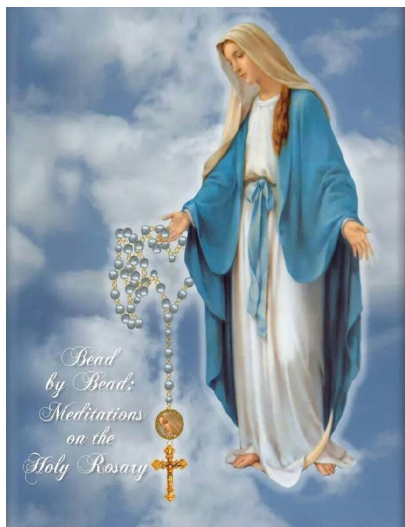


Please join us to Honor Our Blessed Mother and Our Lady of Fatima which will be held on **Sunday September 21st from 3:00 pm to 4:15 pm** at

**All Saints Parish** at 811 Vermont Ave. Kansas City, KS.

66101. We will pray the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious mysteries of the Holy Rosary followed by Benediction and the opportunity for attendees to enroll in the Brown Scapular. For driving instructions or future dates for the Kansas City monthly Holy Rosary rallies, please visit-

[www.rosaryrallieskc.org](http://www.rosaryrallieskc.org)



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday, September 7-**

**9am-** Janko & Marija Dukovcic  
Nikola & Ljubica Lukac  
Mike & Terry Horvatin  
Dragica Jambrosic

**Thursday, September 11-**

**8am-** Marvin & MaryAnn Schneider

**Saturday, September 13-**

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

**Sunday, September 14-**

**9am-** John F. Mikesic  
John "Ivan" Podrebarac  
Sestric & Pavlic Family & Marica Dukovcic  
Mike Zeljeznjak & Family

## LITURGICAL MINISTRY - SEPTEMBER

**September 7, 2025-**

**Lectors:** M. Viskovic, W. Christ  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** N. Gasparovic  
**Servers:** A. Garcia, M. Garcia  
**Sacristans:** H. Rebeck, W. Christ

**September 14, 2025-**

**Lectors:** M. Viskovic, R. Sambol  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** M. Garcia  
**Servers:** A. Garcia  
**Sacristans:** B. Horvat, K. Moutray

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)

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

	<u>Sat.08/30/25</u>	<u>Sun.08/31/25</u>
<b>Envelopes:</b>	1055.00	2187.00
<b>Loose:</b>	62.00	60.00
<b>Building Fund:</b>	860.00	277.00
<b>Candles:</b>	75.50	61.50
<b>Poor Box:</b>		23.00
<b>Assumption:</b>	13.00	
<b>Donation:</b>		100.00
<b>Leaven:</b>	69.00	115.00

Visit Our Sunday Visi-  
tor online giving at  
[https://osvhub.com/  
stjohnthebaptists/  
giving/funds](https://osvhub.com/stjohnthebaptists/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 Events

**End Of Summer Social Gathering With The Sisters! Saturday, September 6, 2025 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

## Coffee and Donut Sunday

The event will be hosted by the **Altar Society** on **Sunday September 7th**. Please come and join the parish for fellowship and updates from other parishioners. Trash Bags will be available to buy during coffee and donuts! Yellow bags are 39 gal 25/roll, White bags are 15 gal 65/roll, Blue bags are 55 gal 16/roll, cost per roll is \$12.00. Make checks payable to **St. John the Baptist Church**. Exact money if paying with cash please.

## Food Kitchen

Food Kitchen date is for **Monday September 8th**. 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.

## St. Bernadette's Circle

Members of the circle are invited to come to the meeting on **Tuesday September 9th at 6 pm** at the house of the hostess. Not a member, but want to become a member? Call the office for more information 913-371-0627.

## Monthly Senior Luncheon

Senior meeting is Pot Luck main dish will be furnished with drinks. Bring a friend and come join us for fellowship, with bingo and prizes on **Wednesday September 10th** starting at 11 am in the church basement.

# 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**

*Msg. 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**

## **HOLY FAMILY CHURCH MEGA MONEY RAFFLE!**

★ Dear Parishioners & Friends: ★

★ Our 17th annual parish Slovenefest will be held on Saturday, September 27, 2025. The event ★  
★ will begin with Holy Mass at 4pm at the church with festivities from 5pm-9pm at Monsignor ★  
★ Mejak Hall, Gym, & School Grounds, 513 Ohio Ave., Kansas City, Kansas. This annual event is ★  
★ an important part of the financial stability of Holy Family parish. In the past, a large portion of ★  
★ the proceeds came from the Mega Raffle. ★

★ It is our goal to sell 300 mega raffle tickets at \$100 each with nine (9) \$1,000.00 winners! Win- ★  
★ ner will be drawn at Slovenefest. You need not be present to win. All proceeds from the raffle ★  
★ will benefit Holy Family Church. ★



**COUNT ME IN: Enclosed is my donation per ticket.**

**Name/Address/Phone #:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **White Mega Raffle Ticket - \$100 each**

Please complete and mail this form with your check made payable to:  
**Holy Family Church, 515 Ohio Ave., Kansas City, KS 66101**  
or drop this form in the collection basket at our weekend Masses.



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*

### **2nd Collection on Sunday, September 7th for Gaza**

Please support a special collection on 09/07 for humanitarian relief, as well as medical and psychological care for the sick, malnourished, and wounded in Gaza and surrounding areas. Funds will be given to Catholic Relief Services and the Catholic Near East Welfare Association for emergency humanitarian relief. Thank you for your solidarity and generosity!

### **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





**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\***