



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

33rd Sunday In Ordinary Time

November 16, 2025

Luke 21:5-19

Parish Office:

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Hours: Mon-Thu 8:30am-5pm Fri 8:30am- 4

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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 November)

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



While some people were speaking about how the temple was adorned with costly stones and votive offerings, Jesus said, "All that you see here—the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down."

- Luke 21:5-19

Keeping In Touch

As you know I wear several hats. Most weeks are filled with my main responsibilities. The other things that I am responsible for happen every once in a while. There are some weeks, however, where I seem to have to deal with a lot more than once. This past week was one of those weeks. I had extra things in the parishes, I had a meeting of all the judges in the Tribunal, I had a meeting for the Board of the Ecumenical Officers of the U.S. and I had a phone meeting with the Superior in the Religious Community that I do canonical work for. Working with all of these people is a great joy for me. There is diversity and an interconnectedness that is often times surprising, but extremely delightful. We never know how this interconnectedness will reveal itself.

Just recently I discovered that one of the new foreign priests serving in our Archdiocese is a canon lawyer. This in itself may not seem very spectacular, but when I inquired where he did his degree in canon law I discovered that he got his degree at the same university in Belgium that I did. This of course piqued my interest a little more. I asked him what years he was there only to discover that my last year there was his first year there. Even though we were a small faculty we didn't remember each other, but we very quickly began to speak about our professors and fellow classmates that we had in common. What are the chances!

You never know how we are connected with those we encounter until we engage them. Lord in his goodness continually reminds us that we're all one family and our lives continue to play out our interconnectedness.

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



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, November 16-

9am- Mary Ann Mikesic
Dragica Jambrosic
Josip, Nikola, Michael Krznicaric
Catherine Podrebarac

Thursday, November 20-

8am- Special Intention
Katherine Suljak
Nikola Kolich

Saturday, November 22-

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

Sunday, November 23-

9am- Katherine Suljak & Marica Black
Niko & Ana Kucenic
Family of Nikola Jadranka Gojmerac
Miho & Ana Cavlovic

LITURGICAL MINISTRY - NOVEMBER

November 16, 2025-

Lectors: G. Garcia, M. Viskovic
Eucharistic Ministers: M. Garcia
Servers: A. Garcia, M. Garcia
Sacristans: S. Sandelich, G. Garcia

November 23, 2025-

Lectors: M. Viskovic, R. Sambol
Eucharistic Ministers: W. Christ
Servers: A. Garcia
Sacristans: H. Rebeck, W. Christ

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

	<u>Sun. 11/9/25</u>
Envelopes:	3822.00
Loose:	106.00
Building Fund:	425.00
Candles:	132.00
Poor Box:	5.00
Leaven:	33.00
All Saints:	60.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Dev:	10.00
World Mission Sunday:	5.00
Military Collection 2nd Collect:	513.00
Mass Intentions:	60.00



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



Prayer Requests

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

Request for Photos of Fr. Joseph's 25th Anniversary Celebration

We're gathering photos of Fr. Joseph's 25th Anniversary Mass and Reception to create a special collection of memories in a book for Fr. Joseph and his family. If you wish to share any photos taken during the celebration, please send them to our parish email address: ourcroatianparish@gmail.com.

November 16

Mandatory Annual Mass Attendance Count



Holy Family Church + St. John the Baptist

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

Thursday, November 27, 2025

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Location: St. John the Baptist Church

All are invited to join together for 8:30 a.m. Mass on Thanksgiving Day morning.

Let us all gather together to give praise and thanks to God for our big and little blessings!



Book of the Dead

Throughout the month of **November**, all parishioners are invited to write the names of their deceased family members and friends in the Book of the Dead located on the Communion Rail. Next to our Book of the Dead, there will be a purple candle that will burn for the entire month. The continual burning of the candle symbolizes our prayer which is offered in faith entering into the presence of God.



Sacristans 2026 Needed

If anyone is interested in serving as a Sacristan in 2026, please contact the church office. The time commitment for Saturdays is generally one Mass per month. It is for the six months in the year that St John's has a Saturday Mass. The commitment is the same for our Sunday Mass except it is for all twelve months of the year. Time spent as a Sacristan is one hour before Mass preparing the church and altar for Mass and about 20 minutes after Mass. Training and written instructions will be provided.

Altar Society News

Apple Strudel Sale-

Thank you to all who ordered apple strudels from the Altar Society. These will be made available for pick up on **November 22nd at 3:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. & Nov. 23rd** after Mass. Payment for the strudels will be made upon pick up. Thank you for supporting the Altar Society.

Upcoming Events:

11/22-11/23: Apple Strudel Pick-up following Mass

12/7: Altar Society Christmas Brunch following Mass (Hosted by the St. Bernadette's Circle)

Altar Society Christmas Party

Please make sure to RSVP for the Altar Society Christmas Party it will be on **Sunday, December 7, 2025** at the Strawberry Hill Museum after 9am Mass . 913-334-1230 or hskradski@msn.com.

Year End Gifting

Now is the ideal time to consider year end gifting to our church. Those aged 70 and a half and older with an IRA account can take advantage of a savvy way to make a donation and save money on taxes. A Qualified Charitable Distribution direct from your IRA account to the church when handled properly would not be considered ordinary income and potentially lower your income bracket. Please contact your financial advisor or tax preparer for further information. The church office can offer limited assistance.



Salamis from this year's festival are available for sale at \$30 a piece. Please call Wendy at the rectory, 913-371-0627, if you want to make a purchase. Thank you.

125th Anniversary Books

Thanks to everyone who purchased the 125th Anniversary Books! We are very excited to share the book and its many memories with everyone. Just to update you on the progress, we have been told the books should be available around Thanksgiving. Unfortunately, despite many calls and emails, we do not have a more specific date at this time! As soon as we have more information, we will let you know (hopefully, soon! Questions? sjb125years@gmail.com

Help feed the hungry! Donate non-perishable food items such as tuna, canned chicken, peanut butter, soups, vegetables, beans, canned fruit, crackers, rice, cereal, etc.

Also, personal hygiene items such as toilet paper, feminine hygiene products, soap, and toothpaste. **Expired items and opened packages will not be accepted.** All the items you donate will be taken to Catholic Charities Food Pantry.



TAMBURITZANS

From the fields of Croatia, to a pub in Ireland, America's Favorite Folk Ensemble, The Tamburitans, is coming to the **Shawnee Mission Northwest High School -12701 W. 67th Street, Shawnee, KS 66202 - Sunday, November 23rd 2025 at 2PM** to whisk you on a trip around the world.

As someone who has joined us in the past, you already know the magic of Tamburitans performance—breathtaking costumes, live music, and dazzling choreography. This year, we've crafted a brand-new show that highlights the journey of folk culture across borders. Our performance showcases the beauty of diverse heritages while reminding us of the one song we all share.

Why come back this year?

- A completely new program filled with vibrant music, movement, and storytelling, including two original works commissioned for our show and **ONLY AVAILABLE** on the Tamburitans stage.
- Cultural snapshots from Croatia, Serbia, Romania, Ukraine, Bulgaria, Hungary - and this year only - Ireland!
- The same energy, artistry, and heart that has kept audiences coming back for nearly nine decades.

We can't wait to welcome you back to experience the sights, sounds, and spirit of *The Shared Song*.

Your support helps keep this unique cultural treasure thriving, and we can't wait to share this year's journey with you.

Alyssa Bushunow
Executive Director

Tamburitans

Pittsburgh International Folk Arts Institute



The Catholic Fine Arts Council and the Catholic Foundation of Northeast Kansas cordially extend an invitation to music directors, choirs, cantors, liturgists, organists, and anyone involved with the music ministry at your parish, to the St. Cecilia Celebration of the Sacred Liturgy.

This year's St. Cecilia Mass is on **Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at 6:30 PM**, at Holy Angels Catholic Church - 15408 Leavenworth Rd, Basehor, KS 66007. A reception will follow the Mass. The Holy Angels Choir, under the direction of Laura Beeves, Music Director at Holy Angels, will be sharing their gifts and talents in musical accompaniment during the Mass. Register now: www.cfnek.org/events/st-cecilia-mass-and-reception.

ST. MARY & ST. ANTHONY CHURCH
615 N. 7TH ST. KANSAS CITY, KS 66101

ST. NICHOLAS **SPAGHETTI DINNER & BINGO NIGHT** **DINNER LIMITED TO 125 TICKETS!**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2025

DINNER: 5:15P.M. - 6:30P.M.

BINGO: 6:45P.M. - 8:30P.M.

CASH PRIZES FOR BINGO!

50/50 POT RAFFLE

DINNER MENU:

**SPAGHETTI WITH MEAT SAUCE,
SALAD, BREAD, & DESSERT**

TICKETS IN ADVANCE

Adult - \$15

dinner, dessert, 2 drink tickets, 2 bingo cards

Child (10 & Under) - \$8

dinner, dessert, 1 drink ticket, 1 bingo card

TICKETS AT THE DOOR

Adult - \$20, Child (12 & under) - \$12

**ADDITIONAL DRINKS, SNACKS, AND BINGO CARDS
AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE.**

TO-GO ORDERS AVAILABLE!

50/50 POT TICKETS:

1 ticket for \$5, 3 tickets for \$10, 7 tickets for \$20, 15 tickets for \$40.

CASH, CHECK, OR VENMO ACCEPTED.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO VOLUNTEER?

CONTACT ANGIE GREGORY AT ANGIEGREGORY26@GMAIL.COM.

