



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 23, 2025

Luke 23:35-43

Parish Office:

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

Office: (913) 371-0627

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

Web: stjohnthebaptistcatholicchurch.com

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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 Holy Family in November)

Sunday at 9 am

Thursday at 8 am

Parish Ministries:

Finance Council Richard Sambol

Parish Council Don Taylor

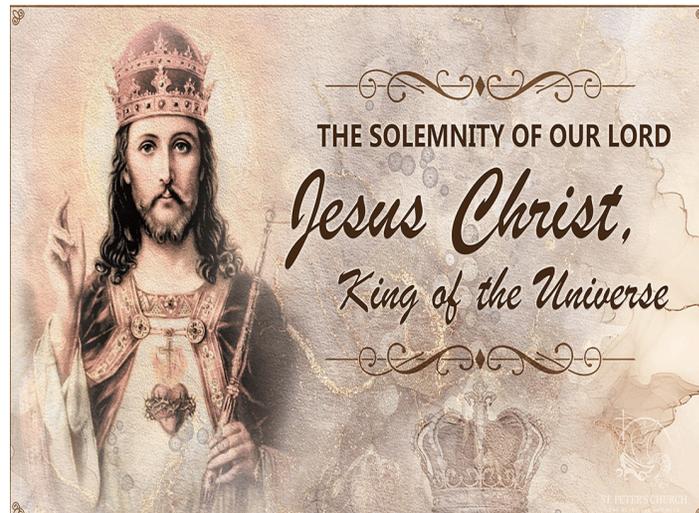
Altar Society Kelly Moutray

St. John's Club Ken Yarnevich

913-371-9690

(913) 281-4448

Prayer Line



Keeping In Touch

This past week was a pretty normal busy week. There was, however, one thing in my schedule that was not normal. During these past 16 years of working at the chancery we have on occasion, had people assess how we operate to give us suggestions and guidance as to how we could do better for the service of the Archbishop and the Archdiocese. With the appointment of our new Archbishop, we have entered into this process again.

This past Wednesday there was a meeting for various people involved in the life of the chancery to give us a glimpse at the report and to see the direction in which we will be moving. It was a great meeting where we heard about the history of how chanceries have operated, where we looked at the best practices for chanceries today and the vision that our Archbishop wants to embrace. While change is never easy, it can be very life giving. I am excited and look forward to these best practices being implemented so that we may better serve our Archbishop and this wonderful Archdiocese. On another note, I hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving.

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



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!



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, November 23-

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

Thursday, November 27-

8:30am-

Saturday, November 29-

4pm- **Vigil Mass at Holy Family**
People of the Parishes
Here Ends the Year of Grace 2025

Sunday, November 30- First Sunday of Advent

9am- Mike, Barbara & Anna Kralj
Josip Panijan
Georgette Pemberton
Katica Jadric, Karlo & Barbara Hotujac

LITURGICAL MINISTRY - NOVEMBER

November 23, 2025-

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

November 30, 2025-

Lectors: C. Schneider, V. Tomasic
Eucharistic Ministers: M. Tomasic
Servers: A. Garcia, M. Garcia
Sacristans: P. Mikesic, P. Hill

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Sun. 11/16/25

Envelopes:	2809.75
Loose:	153.00
Building Fund:	85.00
Candles:	153.55
Poor Box:	47.63
Leaven:	23.00
All Saints:	30.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Dev:	603.50
Mass Intentions:	30.00
AMS Military:	20.00
In Memory Of:	
(Steve Stalker)	215.00
(Richard Verbeck)	565.00
Donation(s):	65,050.00



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



Prayer Requests

Pope Leo XIV, Joe Cavlovic, John Christ Sr. Sarah Skradski-Coleman, Diane Boan, Milka Subasic, Dianna Stimac, Kathy Riley, 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

St. John's Seniors Annual Christmas Luncheon

The Seniors Christmas catered lunch will be **Wednesday, Dec. 3, at noon** in the church basement (for everyone who submitted a reservation and paid for the lunch. Note that this will be the First Wednesday (not the second!) At the November meeting, we agreed to collect non-perishable food items. Please bring those with you. This would include: Canned goods like soup, pasta sauce, spaghetti and meatballs or Beefaroni Canned fruit and vegetables Boxed or bagged items like pancake mix, cereal, Ramen noodles and pasta Paper goods like paper towels, toilet paper and tissues Cleaning supplies like multi-purpose cleaner, toilet bowl cleaner, dish soap Remember, these items will be used to serve Kansas City, Kansas residents. Thank you! For questions, call Joanne Lally.

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.

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. Questions? sjb125years@gmail.com

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 parish office will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, November 27 and on Friday, November 28.

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

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.

Experience An Olde World Christmas at The Strawberry Hill Museum

Now Opened for Guided Tours
Tickets available online: <https://strawberryhillmuseum.org>

720 N. 4th Street Kansas City, Kansas 66101



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.

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.

Taste of KCK

Tomorrow's Legacy Begins Today



RAISING FUNDS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS
ACADEMIC PROGRAMS
CLASSROOM SUPPORTS

January 24, 2026

RESURRECTION CATHOLIC SCHOOL
425 NORTH 15TH STREET
KANSAS CITY, KS 66102



Social Hour
6:00 PM

Drinks & Appetizers
School Tours
Student Projects



Ethnic Dinner
7:00 PM

KCK diversity
on a plate.



Program
8:00 PM

Honoree
Student Speaker
Performances

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.

TURKEY BINGO

Saturday, November 22, 2025
All Saints Parish, 811 Vermont, KCK

Join us this Saturday for Turkey Bingo in the parish hall! Tickets are on sale at the parish office for \$15 (includes dinner & 1 bingo card). Additional bingo cards and beverages will be available for separate purchase. Come out & have great time of fellowship and community! Dinner @ 5:00 pm & Bingo @ 6:00 pm.



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.



BABY SHOWER DONATION DRIVE

In Honor of the Christ Child

The St. John Altar Society is sponsoring their annual Baby Shower Donation Drive from November 15 through January 4, 2026.

Suggested items to donate:

- Diapers
- Wet Wipes
- Baby Shampoo
- Baby Wash
- Baby Lotion
- Pacifiers / Baby Bottles
- Onesies / Sleepers
- Diaper Rash Ointment

Bring your donations to the church when you attend mass or bring to the parish office at 708 N 4th St.

All the items donated will be given to Kansas City Pregnancy Clinic, 636 Tauromee Ave., Kansas City, Kansas.



