



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2025

Matthew 24:37-44

Parish Office:

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

Office: (913) 371-0627

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

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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 St. John the Baptist in December)

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



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St. Andrew Christmas Novena

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Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born Of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen

It is piously believed that whoever recites the St. Andrew Christmas novena prayer FIFTEEN times each day from the feast of St. Andrew (November 30th) until Christmas Eve will obtain the favor requested.



Keeping In Touch

This week, as we know, we celebrated Thanksgiving. It is always a wonderful celebration where we pause and give thanks. Fr Peter and I had a priest visiting us for Thanksgiving and we also had the Augustinian Sisters from Topeka with us for Thanksgiving dinner. We have so much to be thankful for in our lives. I hope and pray that you all had a wonderful and blessed Thanksgiving. As we conclude our Thanksgiving celebrations, we turn our attention to the fact that we start a new liturgical year this Sunday. Here we are at the 1st Sunday of Advent. This is always a busy time of year but it is important that we take time to slow down a bit and prepare our hearts and minds to welcome the coming of the Savior. This time of preparation can be and should be a graced time. Let us prepare well so that we are ready to welcome the coming of the Lord with love, peace and joy.

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



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, November 30- First Sunday of Advent

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

Thursday, December 4-

8am- Ike & Kate Modrcin
Jeffrey Hughes & Samuel Hughes

Saturday, December 6-

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

Sunday, December 7- Second Sunday of Advent

9am- Nick & Joe Fabina
Draga Tokic
Michael & Kathy Tomas
Rita Rodina

LITURGICAL MINISTRY - NOV-DEC

November 30, 2025-

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

December 6-7, 2025-

Lectors: L. Worner ; C. Schneider, M. Garcia
Eucharistic Ministers: S. Morrow ; M. Tomasic
Servers: A. Morrow ; A. Garcia ; M. Garcia
Sacristans:

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Sun. 11/23/25

Envelopes:	2834.00
Loose:	33.00
Building Fund:	150.00
Candles:	128.00
Poor Box:	15.00
Christmas Flowers:	30.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Dev:	20.00
Donation(s):	250.00



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.

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.

Coffee and Donut Sunday

The event will be hosted by the **Parish Council** on **Sunday December 7th**. Please come and join the parish for fellowship and updates from other parishioners.

St. Bernadette's Circle

Members of the circle are invited to come to the meeting on **Tuesday December 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.

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 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Day of Obligation

Monday, December 8

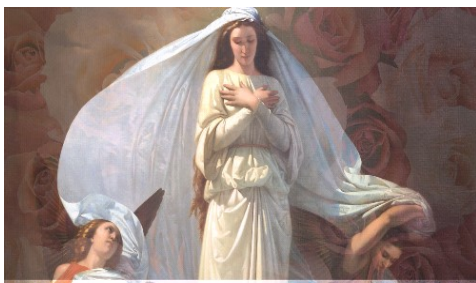
Mass Opportunities

8:00 a.m. - Holy Family Church

10:00 a.m. - St. John the Baptist

7:15 p.m. - Holy Family Church Burmese

*Patronal Feast Day
of the United States of America*



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of MARY

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

God of goodness,

Bless our Advent wreath.

May its circle remind us of your infinite **love**,
and to live as one human family.

May its evergreen branches awaken our **hope**
to share with people who need it most.

May its candles illuminate **peace** in our hearts
to touch the world with compassion.

May we receive the **joy** of your word and
bring it to life

in all corners of the earth.

We ask this through Christ our lord.

Amen.

Just a few sides Notes....

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. We have been told it might take a few more weeks for delivery, Questions? sjb125years@gmail.com.

We have 5 Salamis left from this year's festival that 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.

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

**SLICE OF
HEAVEN:**

*Worship &
Pizza night*

Who: SINGLE YOUNG
ADULT WOMEN

What: HOLY HOUR, PIZZA, AND
TIME WITH THE SISTERS

When: 1ST SATURDAYS

5:30-8pm

Where: **Servants of Mary,
Ministers to the Sick**

800 N. 18th St.
Kansas City, KS 66102

Questions/more information contact
Sister Elizabeth 913-278-5986

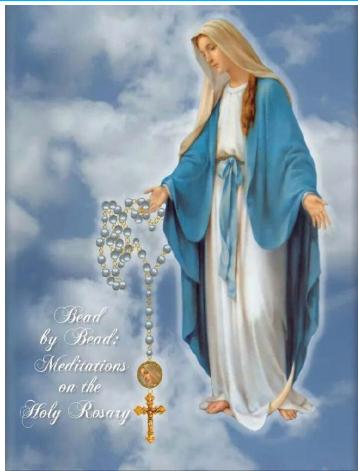
"See you
there!"



Rosary Rally!

Please join us to Honor Our Blessed Mother and Our Lady of Fatima which will be held on **Sunday December 7th from 3:00 pm to 4:15 pm** at

St. Philippine Duchesne at 5035 Rainbow Blvd. Mission Woods, KS. 66205. 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



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.

180 lbs. was donated on 11-25!
Please keep donating!
Thank you



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.



SAVE THE DATE

Christmas

PARTY

DEC 13, 2025 @ 5:00 PM

MSGR. MEJAK HALL
513 OHIO AVE.
KANSAS CITY, KS. 66101

TACO BAR DINNER

PLEASE BRING A HOLIDAY DESSERT TO SHARE

CHRISTMAS MUSIC
VISIT BY SANTA

PARENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING A SMALL GIFT FOR SANTA TO PRESENT TO YOUR OWN CHILD

DONATIONS ACCEPTED FOR KSKJ LIFE SUPPORTING SOLDIERS NATIONAL INITIATIVE

EVENT CO-SPONSORED BY ST. VERONICA LODGE #115 & HOLY FAMILY SOCIAL CLUB

RSVP JULIE SCHNELLER VIA TEXT @ (816) 797-8623

130 KSKJ LIFE

*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



POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE OF KCK

Sarma Dinner

Christmas Fundraiser

ORDER A TRADITIONAL CROATIAN
CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR FOUR!

**SARMA ROLLS,
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\$40

TO ORDER, EMAIL ella@palkck.org
OR CALL/TEXT (816)876-4260



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



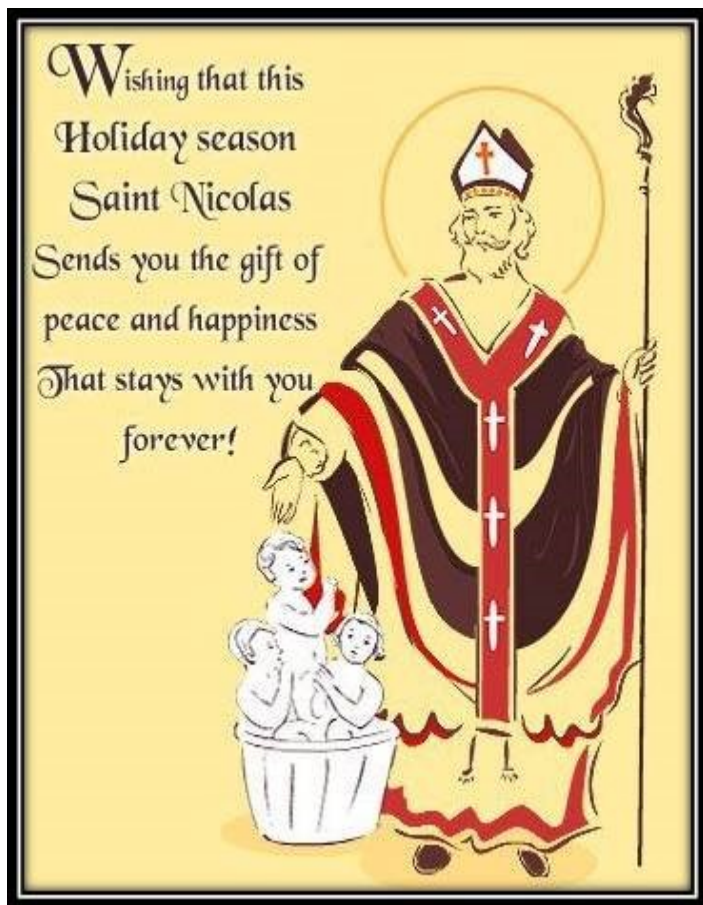
Ethnic Dinner
7:00 PM

KCK diversity
on a plate.



Program
8:00 PM

Honoree
Student Speaker
Performances



Saint Nicholas-Nikolinje Day— December 6

PRAYER TO SAINT NICHOLAS *Feast Day, December 6*

O good Saint Nicholas, you who are the joy of the children put in my heart the spirit of childhood, of which the Gospel speaks, and teach me to seed happiness around me. You, whose feast prepares us for Christmas, open my faith to the mystery of God made man. You, good bishop and shepherd, help me to find my place in the Church and inspire the Church to be faithful to the gospel.

O good Saint Nicholas, patron of children, sailors, and the helpless, watch over those who pray to Jesus, you Lord and theirs, as well as over those who humble themselves before you. Bring us all in reverence to the Holy child of Bethlehem, where true joy and peace are found.

Amen.

