



# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

## *The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph*

December 28, 2025

Matthew 2: 13-15, 19-23

### 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](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 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

*The child  
grew and  
became strong,  
filled with  
wisdom; and  
the favor  
of God  
was upon him.*

*Luke 2:40*



### NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

#### NEW YEAR'S EVE

*Wednesday, December 31, 2025*

5:30 p.m. - Holy Family Church

8:00 p.m. - Holy Family Church (Burmese)

#### NEW YEAR'S DAY

*Thursday, January 1, 2026*

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

*Holy Day of Obligation*

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

12:15 p.m. - Holy Family Church (Burmese)



### Keeping In Touch

During this Christmas season as we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family, I pray that you all are having a blessed and joyous time with family and friends.

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



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday, December 28- The Holy Family of Jesus**

9am- Dragica Jambrosic **Mary & Joseph**  
Katica Jadric  
Ivica, Jure, Drago Zeljeznjak  
Ivan Sr. & Ana Zeljeznjak

**Thursday, January 1- Solemnity of Mary,  
The Holy Mother of God**

**Saturday, January 3-**

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

**Sunday, January 4- The Epiphany of The Lord**

9am- Jeffrey Hughes & Samuel Hughes  
Milka Subasic Family  
Peter & Dorothy Sutulovic  
Family Grdinovac

## LITURGICAL MINISTRY - DECEMBER

**December 27-28, 2025-**

**Lectors:** M. Grisnik ; A. Dordevic, Kl. Dordevic  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** M. Garcia ; A. Kucenic  
**Servers:** A. Garcia, M. Garcia ; I. Dordevic  
**Sacristans:** A. Nastav, R. Nastav ;  
H. Rebeck, W. Christ

**January 4, 2025-**

**Lectors:** S. Glenn, M. Viskovic  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** N. Gasparovic  
**Servers:** A. Garcia  
**Sacristans:**

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

	<u>Sat.12/20/25</u>	<u>Sun.12/21/25</u>
Envelopes:	1655.00	3651.75
Loose:	149.74	249.00
Building Fund:	130.00	5135.00
Candles:	95.15	90.15
Poor Box:		27.00
Immaculate Conception:		40.00
Christmas Flower:	120.00	20.00
Christmas Offering:	655.00	
Catholic Charities:	55.00	
Donation(s):		250.00
Mass Intentions:		170.00
In Memory Of:		625.00
(Joe Cavlovic)		



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



## Prayer Requests

Pope Leo XIV, Sarah Skradski-Coleman, John Christ Sr., 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 Event

### **Coffee and Donut Sunday**

The event will be hosted by the **Altar Society** on **Sunday January 4th**. 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 January 12th**. 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 January 13th 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 **WILL BE A SACK LUNCH!**. Bring a friend and come join us for fellowship, with bingo and prizes on **Wednesday January 14th** starting at 11 am in the church basement.

*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)*



# 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

## The Holy Family Prayer

**JESUS**, Son of God and Son of Mary, bless our family. Graciously inspire in us the unity, peace, and mutual love that you found in your own family in the little town of Nazareth.

**MARY**, Mother of Jesus and Our Mother, nourish our family with your faith and your love. Keep us close to your Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys.

**JOSEPH**, Foster-father to Jesus, guardian and spouse of Mary, keep our family safe from harm. Help us in all times of discouragement or anxiety.

**HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH**, make our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass. May we always have God at the center of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you. **Amen.**

The parish office will close at noon on New Year's Eve and on New Year's Day.

*Sretna Nova godina! Happy New Year's!*

## Ornaments 125th Year Anniversary of SJB

If you haven't had a chance to purchase your St. John the Baptist 125th year anniversary ornament yet then now is the time to do so while the limited supplies I

To purchase, you should contact the church office directly I have **12 left!** \$20.00each

You can reach via:

**After Mass on Sunday!** (come see Wendy after Mass)

**Phone:** Call (913) 371-0627

**Email:** Send inquiries to

[OurCroatianParish@gmail.com](mailto:OurCroatianParish@gmail.com).

**In-Person:** Visit the church office at

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

*\*Limited Edition only #125 made\**

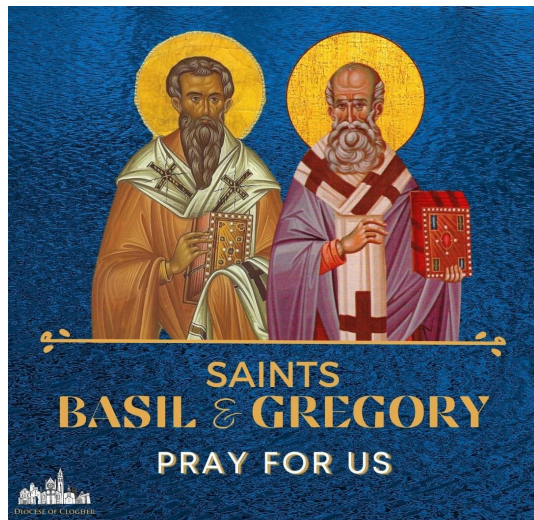


## Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus

*January 3*

"Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." - *Philippians 2:9-11*





### 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](mailto:ourcroatianparish@gmail.com).

#### **125th Anniversary Books delayed**

We appreciate everyone's patience as we await the delivery of our 125th Anniversary Books. Our printer informed us on Friday that delivery will not be until after Christmas. Apparently, the book covers were printed incorrectly and needed to be re-done. Like you, we are extremely disappointed and frustrated as we know many of you have planned to give the books as Christmas gifts. Our final proof was sent on Oct. 23 and we anticipated a five-week wait at that time. Please know that your Anniversary Book team has been checking in at very frequent intervals. As soon as we receive them, we will begin distribution after Masses and during the weekday at the parish rectory.

**We have 3 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

**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.

As of today 12-19-25,  
**484.1 lbs.**

has been donated!  
Please keep donating  
as we will continue to  
collect till the end of  
December.  
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.**

