



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

The Baptism Of The Lord

January 11, 2026

Matthew 3:13-17

Parish Office:

708 N. 4th Street, Kansas City, KS 66101
Office: (913) 371-0627
Hours: Mon-Thu 8:30am-5pm Fri 8:30am- 4pm
Web: stjohnthebaptistcatholicchurch.com
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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 January)

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

[Matthew 3:13-17](#)

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him.

John tried to prevent him, saying,

“I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?”

Jesus said to him in reply,

“Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.”

Then he allowed him.

After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him.

And a voice came from the heavens, saying, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”



Keeping In Touch

This past week, we have been settling back into a “normal schedule.” While it is nice to get back into a normal routine, there is always something that is outside the normal routine.

This past Wednesday was the Feast of St. Raymond of Peñafort who is the Patron of Canon Lawyers. As the one in charge of the Tribunal I decided that this year we would have a celebration for not only the Canon lawyers here in the Archdiocese, but also for the Canon lawyers in the Diocese of Kansas City- St. Joseph. By chance, I was assigned to celebrate the mass at the chancery that day, so we began with mass of St. Raymond followed by lunch together and then we entered into a discussion about an important topic in our field of work. This discussion was the fruit of an article that I had asked everyone to read in preparation for the event. It was a great, great day! It is always a great blessing to come together as canonists for fellowship and learning.

With the celebrations of Christmas, New Year's and St. Raymond of Peñafort concluded, we look forward to the weeks to come.

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



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, January 11- The Baptism of The Lord

9am- Ana Piskuric
Mike & Mary Suljak
Mirica Black & Kathy Suljak
Kucenic & Novogradac Family

Thursday, January 15-

8am- Bertha Gardner

Saturday, January 17-

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

Sunday, January 18-

9am- Mirko & Marica Zeljeznjak
Drago, Anica & Braco Zeljeznjak
Rafael & Fanika Lozancic Rade
Kucenic & Novogradac Family

LITURGICAL MINISTRY - JANUARY

January 11, 2025-

Lectors: V. Tomasic, A. Dordevic

Eucharistic Ministers: S. Morrow

Servers: I. Dordevic

Sacristans: S. Sandelich, M. Alvey

January 18, 2025-

Lectors: A. Morrow, KI. Dordevic

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Tomasic

Servers: I. Dordevic, A. Garcia

Ushers: P. Dordevic, A. Dordevic, M. Garcia

Sacristans: K. Moutray, B. Horvat

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Thu. 01/01/26 Sun.01/04/26

Envelopes:	3707.00
Loose:	137.00
Building Fund:	652.00
Candles:	64.00
Poor Box:	138.50
Christmas Offering:	40.00
Solemnity of Mary:	23.00
Catholic Charities:	384.00
Church of Latin America:	140.00
Food Kitchen:	5.00
Mass Intentions:	55.00
	100.00
	10.00



Visit Our Sunday
Visitor online
giving at
[https://osvhub.com/
stjohnthebaptistks/
giving/funds](https://osvhub.com/stjohnthebaptistks/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 Events

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.

Best Choice labels

Best Choice labels continue to be collected. A box is in the vestibule for you to drop off. Thank you in advance!!!



Trash Bags for Sale

We have trash bags for sale in the rectory. 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. Please stop by the church office during business hours of 8:30am-5pm to get yours! All proceeds will support our Parish. Thank You.

Please submit any bulletin news and events by Wednesday to the Parish office by phone 913-371-0627 or email to ourcroatianparish@gmail.com

Taste of KCK

Tomorrow's Legacy Begins Today



RAISING FUNDS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS
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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

Thank You!

to everyone who participated in our

CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE

for Catholic Charities!

We donated an amazing

549.1 lbs of food*



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 delayed

We appreciate everyone's patience as we await the delivery of our 125th Anniversary Books.

Apparently, the book covers were printed incorrectly and needed to be re-done. 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.

Endowment

Our parish's endowment fund helps provide for the sustainability of our parish by guaranteeing funds as it grows. You can give to the parish endowment fund now or through a planned gift of cash, part or all of a retirement account, insurance policy, or other asset. To learn more or for assistance making a gift, visit cfnek.org or contact us at cfnek@archkck.org or 913-647-3062.



Christ's Peace House of Prayer

An Archdiocesan Retreat Center



This icon, "Blessed Silence," depicts Christ as a young, angelic messenger. His wings symbolize His divine mission as the eternal Word sent by the Father. The image reflects His first thirty years of hidden obedience and His abiding presence in sacred silence, inviting us to enter the stillness where God speaks in wisdom, prayer, and intimate encounter.

A sanctuary of peace to grow closer to God through prayer, reflection, and the beauty of His creation.

Nestled on 120 acres of rolling pastures and timberland, we are located just west of Leavenworth and one hour from Kansas City, Topeka and Lawrence.

Take time away in one of our cozy wooded cabins or peaceful guest rooms in the center.

Scan the QR Code to Book a Private, Guided, Group or Sabbatical Retreat Today!



2026 Retreat Schedule

February 20-22: Lenten Silent Retreat: Into the Desert
March 27-29: Holy Week Silent Retreat: Behold the Man

April 10-12: Into the Heart of Mercy

May 29-31: Drawn into the Mystery: Praying with the Trinity
June 26-28: Be Still and Know: Abiding in His Presence

July 10-12: Fire Within: Kindled for Transforming Union

August 14-16: Assumed into Glory: A Marian Consecration Retreat

September 18-20: Journeying Toward God with Cardinal Newman

October 16-18: Awakened to God: Responding to the Call

November 6-8: Beyond the Veil: Rising from Grief to Hope

December 4-6: Advent Silent Retreat: God Sent His Son

January 8-10: Spiritual Reflection and Planning Retreat - 2027

Suggested donation per night including meals:
Cabin/Courtyard Rooms: \$100 Single or \$150 Couples
Single Guest Rooms/Hermitages: \$65

Reduced rates apply for two or more nights

For more information, contact us at:
info@christsppeace.com or call 913.773.8255
22131 Meagher Road - Easton KS
www.christsppeace.com

Our Son Wanted us happy.

But, we were struggling as a couple. We needed help and knew we could not be the only couple facing similar struggles in their marriage.

We attended a Retrouvaille Weekend program to learn a communication process that helped us build a solid relationship with each other. We were able to reconnect and repair our marriage. Our marriage and family now have hope and happiness.

For more info. Call 800.470.2230

HelpOurMarriage.org



A message from the Office for Protection & Care

If you suspect abuse...

First, make a report to the Kansas Protection Report Center at (800) 922-5330.
Call 911 if the person is in immediate danger or injured.

Next, if the suspected abuse or concerning behavior involves an Archdiocesan cleric, employee or volunteer, call or text our Confidential Report Line at (913) 276-8703 or visit archkck.org/reportabuse.

 Office for Protection & Care

The Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas | www.archkck.org

We are a community committed to preventing abuse. Our policies and programs prioritize safety of children and the vulnerable.

We care about survivors of abuse. Victim Care Advocate: (913) 298-9244

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January 23-25

800.470.2230

