



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 25, 2026

Matthew 4:12-23

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
Email: 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 February)

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

Happy 60th Anniversary~
Maria & Slavo Ivicak

“Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you for the love and commitment that our parents have shared throughout the years. As they celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary, we are grateful for the joy and strength they bring to our family. May their love continue to grow deeper and stronger with each passing day. Bless their union abundantly, and fill their home with peace, joy and harmony. Amen

We love you! Michael, Angie, Luka, Declan, Tommy and Michelle

May God continue to bless your union with love, faith, and grace.
With prayers from the Parishioners of St. John the Baptist

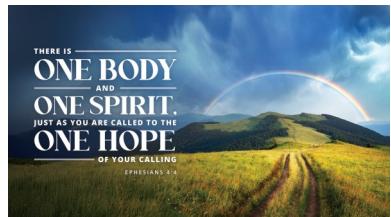


Keeping In Touch

I know that you will all be surprised to learn that this past week was yet another very busy week for me. Lots of meetings, lots of paperwork, masses, and hospital visits. While this was a busy week I want to acknowledge the fact that we are in the midst of the week of Prayer of Christian Unity. As you may recall one of the hats that I wear for the Archdiocese is that I am the Ecumenical Interreligious Officer. This week of prayer was begun in 1908 by Fr. Paul Wattson. In 1916 it was extended to the whole church to observe. Fr. Wattson had been an Anglican priest and Superior of an Anglican community of religious men. He and his community converted to Roman Catholicism and today are known as the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement. Over the years his community has done great work in the Ecumenical movement. In spite of all the good work and all the prayers we still find ourselves lacking the oneness that Jesus calls us to. It is the desire of the Lord that we all be one and of that oneness be real. As we come to the end of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, I invite you to join me in praying that the prayer of Jesus that we all be one may one day become a reality.

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

God of light, you have called us out of darkness into your light. May our response to your call lead us to actively seek reconciliation and share your light in the world. Amen.



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



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, January 25-

9am- George Yuratovich
Ivan Zeleznak & Steve Cavlovic
Joe Cavlovic
Maria & Slavo Ivicak
(60th Wedding Anniversary)

Thursday, January 29-

8am- John F. Novak

Saturday, January 31-

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

Sunday, February 1-

9am- Rudolf Grdinovac
Family Of Jambrosic
Joe Cavlovic
Cavlovic Family & Zeljeznjak Family

LITURGICAL MINISTRY - JAN-FEB

January 25, 2026-

Lectors: M. Viskovic, C. Schneider

Eucharistic Ministers: A. Kucenic

Servers: M. Garcia

Sacristans: M. Garcia, G. Garcia

February 1, 2026-

Lectors: C. Schneider, M. Viskovic

Eucharistic Ministers: N. Gasparovic

Servers: A. Garcia, M. Garcia

Sacristans: M. Garcia, G. Garcia

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

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Sun. 01/18/26

Envelopes:	2355.00
Loose:	90.00
Building Fund:	95.00
Candles:	102.50
Poor Box:	5.00
Solemnity of Mary:	140.00
Mass Intentions:	50.00
Manger:	1.00
Donations:	1800.00

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



Prayer Requests

Pope Leo XIV, Lynda Thompson, Sarah Skradski-Coleman, John Christ Sr., Diane Boan, Milka Subasic, Dianna Stimac, 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

2026 ARCHDIOCESAN CALL TO SHARE KICKOFF KEY WEEKEND DATES:

January 31 & February 1 - Announcement Weekend
February 7 & February 8 - Ministry Weekend
February 14 & February 15 - Commitment Weekend
February 21 & February 22 - Follow Up Weekend

PARISH GOAL: \$ 20,000.00

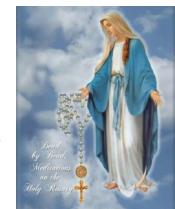
125th Anniversary Books have arrived!!

We're excited to share that the books are finally here! Please come by the office to pick up your book(s) during office hours Monday - Friday. If you paid for shipping then your books will be shipped next week! Thank you

Rosary Rally CANCELLED

Due to the winter weather that is expected to hit Kansas City and the surrounding metro, they have decided to CANCEL the rosary for this month.

We will pick up with our February rosary rally. Details will be posted when they are announced



Best Choice labels

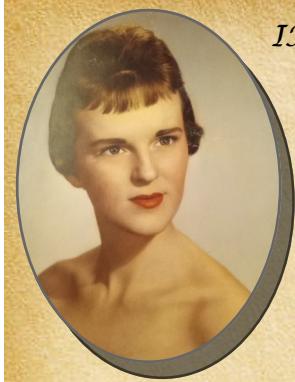
Best Choice labels continue to be collected. A box is in the vestibule for you to drop off. Thank you in advance!!!



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.





IN LOVING MEMORY OF
Judith Rose Tucci
January 29, 1941 –
January 22, 2026

January 30, 2025
Visitation & Funeral Service
Skradski Funeral Home
340 N 6th St, Kansas City, KS
66101
Visitation - 2:00 - 4:00 pm
Funeral Starts at 4:00 pm

The Parishioners of St. John the Baptist extend our heartfelt condolences to the family of Judi Tucci. Judi was a dear friend to us at St. John's and loved our parish and its people as her own. She will be deeply missed, and we keep her family and loved ones in our prayers during this difficult time.



MARDI GRAS DINNER & DANCE
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 14TH 2026
DINNER SERVED 5:30 TO 6:30, DANCING STARTS AT 7:00
JAMBALAYA & CORNBREAD OR KIELBASA & POTATO SALAD
PRICE OF \$15 INCLUDES ENTRY, DINNER AND POP/WATER
BEER, WINE AND HURRICANES AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE
DANCE MUSIC PROVIDED BY GOOD FUZZ
SPONSORED BY ST. JOHN'S MEN'S CLUB
414 BARNET AVE, KANSAS CITY KS 66101
CONTACT 913.371.9690 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
LAISSEZ LE BON TEMPS ROULER

Sts. Cosmas and Damian Guild of the Catholic Medical Association of Kansas City will host the Annual White Mass for all medical professionals (doctors, nurses, therapists, etc.) on **Wednesday, February 11, 2026 at 6:00pm** at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 3934 Washington St., Kansas City, MO.

A dinner and program will follow at the Chesterton Academy of St. Philip Neri, next door to the church. If you wish to attend dinner, please email secretary@catholicmedkc.org with the name and number in your party. A donation of \$35 per person (age 14 and over) is asked to help defray costs associated with the meal. Children 13 and under are free. Donations are accepted electronically at the CMA KC website: <https://www.catholicmedkc.org> – click on the 'Donate' button. You can use PayPal or a credit card. Donations will also be accepted by check or cash on the evening of the event. Physicians are asked to wear a white coat for the Mass.

Back by Popular Demand

Lenten Shrimp Dinners



Friday February 27, 5:30 pm

Friday March 27, 5:30 pm

Dinner includes:

Jumbo Shrimp Corn on the Cob-
Hushpuppies-Potatoes-Salad and Bread
\$20.00 Donation

RSVP by calling:
Larry Steele 913-956-2096
Or the Club 913-371-9690

Upstairs, In the GYM, or Carry Out
Hosted by:

St. John's Catholic Club

414 Barnett Kansas City, KS 66101

CHILDREN WELCOME w/ Special Pricing



Please bring non-perishable food and personal items (especially diapers and baby supplies) for the St. John's Church pantry. The need is great.

Nine Days for Life:

Join the thousands of Catholics across the country praying for the protection of human life. **Starting on January 16**, participants are invited to pray for, learn about, and offer small sacrifices for the protection of human life. Available in both English and Spanish!

Sign up to receive the daily prayers via email or text message!

<https://www.respectlife.org/9-days-signup>

Walking With Moms:

One way to educate parishioners on what the Church is doing to support women and families facing challenging pregnancies is to show them the new Archdiocesan Walking With Moms video that highlights the good work that many of our parishes are doing to support women in need. <https://archkck.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/WWMomsEG-100125-captioned.mp4>

IGNITE FOR LIFE & KS MARCH FOR LIFE

Topeka Performing Arts Center

JANUARY 28, 2026

Come Holy Spirit, enflame our hearts to protect the lives of unborn children and expectant women!



IGNITE for Life
9:00am



KS Mass for Life
10:30am



KS March for Life
12:00pm

REGISTER TODAY! archkck.org/ignite

All events are free.

THE ARCHDIOCESE
OF KANSAS CITY IN KANSAS

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK PRAYER

God of all growth,
We ask You to bless all students in
Catholic Schools.
May they remain constantly
curious in their pursuit
of knowledge and truth.
May they use their gifts and talents
to spread Your light and love
throughout the earth.
And may all of their learning
ultimately draw them closer to
Your Son, Christ the Teacher.
We make this prayer in Your Holy Name.
Amen.



Catholic Schools
United in Faith and Community

Altar Servers Needed

"Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."



Would any of the children, who have made their First Communion, be interested in serving as Altar Servers for either Saturday or Sunday masses or both? Scheduling for each child will be once per month or at your request and since we only have Saturday masses every other month, there are only 6 Saturdays in the year in which they would be scheduled. Sunday scheduling can be up to 12 times for the year. If you are interested, please contact Michelle Garcia at mygarcia@wycokck.org or 913-645-6726. Training will be provided.

May God bless these little ones!!!



"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." - Matthew 4:12-23

Just a few sides Notes....

2025 Parish Contribution Statements

These will be mailed out by January 29th. If you have any question, please call the parish office at 913-371-0627. Thank you for your support in 2025!!