



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 15, 2026

Matthew 5:17-37

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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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 Richard Sambol

Parish Council Don Taylor

Altar Society Kelly Moutray

St. John's Club Ken Yarnevich

913-371-9690

Prayer Line

(913) 281-4448

ARCHDIOCESAN CALL TO SHARE

This Sunday, *February 14 & 15*, is both Ministry Weekend and Commitment Weekend for our parish. Representatives from **Catholic Charities** will give a quick presentation about their ministry in Northeast Kansas at the 4:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. Masses. You may learn more by visiting the ACTS website at <https://archkck.org/call-to-share/about-acts/>.

Our parish goal is \$20,000 however, 100% participation is our objective. A gift, no matter how small or large, is appreciated by those truly in need.

Last year, Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas served over 74,000 individuals with help, hope, and hospitality. Through eight food pantries, a resource bus, and 20+ programs, they meet both immediate and long-term needs for those in poverty as the charitable arm of the Archdiocese. Recently, they renovated their largest and busiest food pantry in downtown Kansas City, Kansas, continuing their mission to serve neighbors in need across the Archdiocese. Learn more on their website: <https://catholiccharitiesks.org/>

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

February 18, 2026

MASSES:

10:00 a.m. - St. John the Baptist
5:30 p.m. - Holy Family Church
7:15 p.m. - Holy Family Church (Burmese)



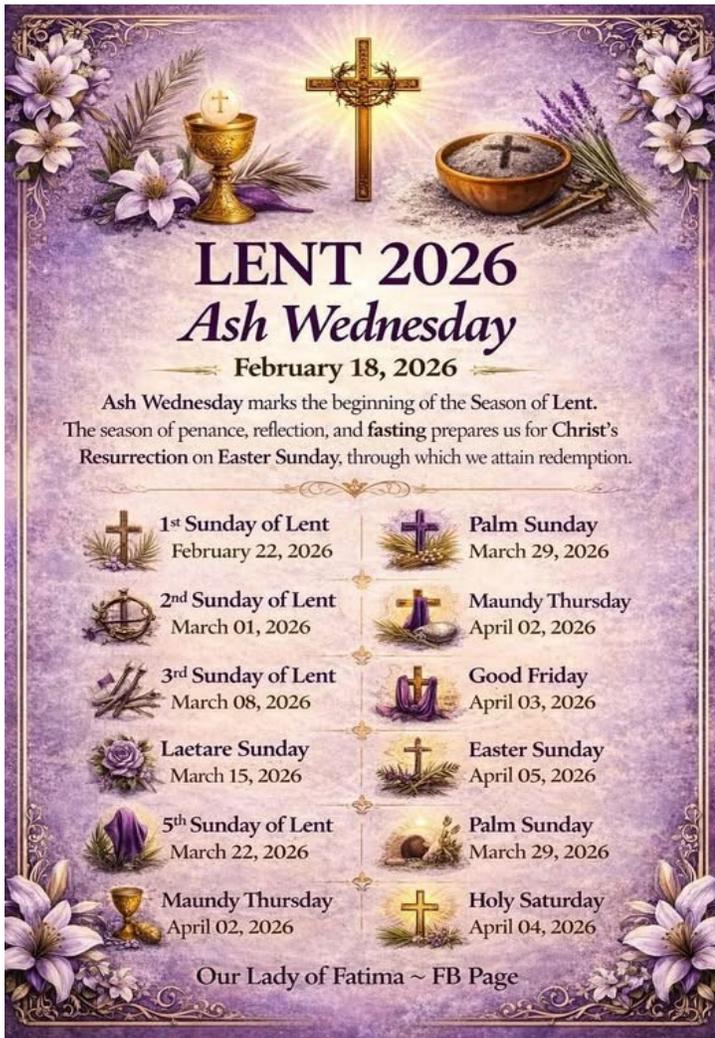
Keeping In Touch

Hope this week was good. It was good here in New Orleans but very busy. Here is the keeping in touch for this week ... sees you soon.

Last Sunday after the Masses I headed to the airport to catch a plane for New Orleans. I travelled to New Orleans to give 4 days of talks to the Sister Servants of Mary Ministers of the Sick. Each day I gave 4 hours of talks. The Sisters have someone present to them every year on a topic. This is a moment of continuing education for them. This is my second time presenting to them. My first was back in 2011. This time I presented on Canon law and Religious Life. Back in 2011 I presented on The word of God. I also celebrated Mass for them and led Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament each day. All of this made for very full days. It has been a great time being with the Sisters and they seemed to like my talks as there were some great questions and discussions. I am looking forward to getting home but am grateful for this time with the Sisters. See you at Church!

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





Saint Augustine:

"Do you wish your prayer to fly toward God? Make for it two wings: fasting and almsgiving."



FASTING & ABSTINENCE

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to each one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal feast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection.

The Fast Life

- Fast from judging others;
- Feast on Christ dwelling in them.
- Fast from fear of illness;
- Feast on the healing power of God.
- Fast from words that pollute;
- Feast on speech that purifies.
- Fast from discontent;
- Feast on gratitude.
- Fast from anger;
- Feast on patience.
- Fast from pessimism;
- Feast on hope.
- Fast from negatives;
- Feast on encouragement.
- Fast from bitterness;
- Feast on forgiveness.
- Fast from self-concern;
- Feast on compassion.
- Fast from suspicion;
- Feast on truth.
- Fast from gossip;
- Feast on purposeful silence.
- Fast from problems that overwhelm;
- Feast on prayer that sustains.
- Fast from anxiety;
- Feast on faith.

- Author Unknown/jesuitresource.org

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, February 15-

9am- Frank Stimac & Franklin Stimac
Mike & Kathy Suljak & Mirica Black
Nikola & Magda Sestric
Anton & Anna Gasparovic

Thursday, February 19-

8am- Mary Hennessey
Anthony B. Pham
For Living & Deceased Family Members of
Frank & Betty Baker
Judi Tucci

Saturday, February 21-

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

Sunday, February 22-

9am- Ainsley Brajkovic
Milan Gasparovic
Janko & Marija Piskuric
Ivan, Louise & John Brozenic

LITURGICAL MINISTRY - FEBRUARY

February 14-15, 2026-

Lectors: M. Grisnik ; M. Viskovic, R. Sambol
Eucharistic Ministers: B. Horvat ; W. Christ
Servers: none ; I. Dordevic
Sacristans: A. Nastav, R. Nastav ;
H. Rebeck ; W. Christ

February 21-22, 2026-

Lectors: J. Alvey ; A. Dordevic, Kl. Dordevic
Eucharistic Ministers: T. Jaksetic ; Ivana Dordevic
Servers: none ; I. Dordevic
Sacristans: T. Jaksetic, C. Delich ;
M. Alvey, B. Horvat

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

	Sat. 02/07/26	Sun. 02/08/26
Envelopes:	2222.00	3516.00
Loose:	61.00	65.00
Building Fund:	230.00	980.00
Candles:	67.50	94.50
Poor Box:		34.00
Church in Latin America:	5.00	
Mass Intentions:		260.00
Food Kitchen:	40.00	100.00
Donations:		50.00

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

CULTURE PROJECT FREE SERIES

For young adults ages 18-35. The Culture Project will be hosting a free series called "Theology of the Body Nights" that will be on Thursday evenings from Feb. 19th - March 19th in St. John's basement. Come to learn more about and discuss Catholic teachings on John Paul II's *Theology of the Body* while also meeting new young adult Catholics in the area. Snacks and drinks will be provided!

TOB THEOLOGY OF THE BODY NIGHTS

What does it mean to be human? What is God's plan for sexuality?
JOIN US AS WE DIVE INTO LIFE'S BIG QUESTIONS.

7-9pm St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

FEB 19/ COME AND SEE
FEB 26 / LIVING IN THE ECHO
MAR 5 / THE OTHER SIDE OF EDEN
MAR 12 / KEEPING THE END IN MIND
MAR 19 / LEARNING THE LOVE SONG

RSVP!

Contact Bayleigh Donahoe with any questions at 402-306-3949

Just a few sides Notes....

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!!!

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

125th Anniversary Books

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

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.



Use Your IRA to Create an Annuity:

You can use an IRA distribution to create a charitable gift annuity, guaranteeing you quarterly payments for life and providing a donation to your parish endowment fund. Contact the Catholic Foundation of Northeast Kansas at 913-647-3062 or cfnek@archkck.org for more information on this charitable opportunity.

HOLY FAMILY
513 OHIO
KANSAS CITY, KS

March 14th

BINGO Night



\$20

DINNER &
BINGO CARD

Doors open at 5pm
Sausage Sandwich Dinner served until 6:15pm
BINGO starts at 6:30pm

21+

Call for tickets

913-413-0022, 913-396-1564 OR 913-905-9399

No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no heart has imagined, what God has prepared for those who love Him.

1 Corinthians 2:9 BSB

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-
Pop and Water Included
\$20.00 Donation

RSVP by calling:

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



BINGO NIGHT AT THE PAL

SATURDAY, FEB 28 PAL KCK
800 N. 5TH ST.

\$50 ticket includes bingo cards for every game played, dinner, beer and soft drinks. Tables of 8 available for \$400.

DOORS OPEN AT 5,
BINGO STARTS AT 6

Prizes!

Buy tickets in advance at www.palkck.org or at the door the night of

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.



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**

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH ALTAR SOCIETY

2026 RUMMAGE SALE!

Mejak Hall, 513 Ohio Ave., Kansas City, KS

Thursday, April 9 - 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Friday, April 10 - 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 11 - 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 12 - 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

First day customers get the best choices!

WE NEED YOUR USED, CLEAN ITEMS & TREASURES!

YES, we want...

- Furniture
- Appliances
- Electronics
- Household Décor (i.e. picture frames, knick-knacks, new & used candles)
- Ceiling Fans
- Lamps
- Flat Screen TV's (working)
- Seasonal Decorations (Valentines, Easter, Christmas)
- Gently Used Toys
- Books
- Sporting Equipment
- Cell Phones, Music CD's, & DVD's
- Linens, Bedding, Quilts, Sheets
- Antiques
- Chiefs, Royals, KU & K-State Clothing (No Other Clothing)
- Purses

NO we don't want...

- Computer monitors
- Non-working televisions & Old Box TV's
- Car seats, baby beds
- Chemicals
- Paint
- Mattresses
- Large entertainment centers
- Furniture that is broken & unclean
- Stained, odorous, or any items with mold.
- NO CLOTHES OR SHOES!!!**

Accepting donations beginning March 7. Please deliver to the back door of the gymnasium and to be able to drop-off inside the gymnasium, as we do not have people to carry the items into the gym.

Delivery of items can be arranged by contacting Patty Westfall at 913-342-6817 or Sandy Cannon at 913-492-2612 or 913-396-1564 to schedule a time for drop-off.