



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 8, 2026

Matthew 5:13-16

Parish Office:

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

Prayer Line**ARCHDIOCESAN CALL TO SHARE**

Next 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**

As you have heard me mention before, every month the priests of the deanery gather for a meeting to discuss pastoral issues in the deanery. With the call of the Holy Fathers to grow more into a synodal church, our new Archbishop has decided that three times a year our deanery meetings will be expanded to include representation from the lay faithful.

These three meetings involve the whole Archdiocese. Each deanery meets at a location within the deanery and we are connected by Zoom. This past week we had our first ever expanded deanery meeting. For our deanery we gathered at the Cathedral. The gathering included priests, deacons, religious sisters, and representatives of the Parish Council and Finance Council from each parish.

At the meeting we had a presentation from the Archdiocese regarding an initiative that will begin in Lent with small group sharing. The initiative is called, "Beatitudes from the Heartland" (there will be more about this later). It was a great meeting that brought together representatives of the whole Archdiocese and I look forward to how this will lead us closer to the Lord and one another.

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



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, February 8-

9am- Nick & Joe Fabina
Family of Nikola & Jadranka Gojmerac
Janko Hlade & Family
Janko, Marija Piskuric & Ivan, Veronica, Frank Sudac

Thursday, February 12-

8am- Family Livojevic
Danny Brooks, Rachel Fegura
Frank Stimac & Franklin Stimac
Anthony B. Pham

Saturday, February 14-

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

Sunday, February 15-

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

LITURGICAL MINISTRY - FEBRUARY

February 7-8, 2026-

Lectors: G. Garcia, M. Garcia ;
M. Viskovic, P. Mikesic
Eucharistic Ministers: S. Morrow ; M. Tomasic
Servers: A. Garcia, M. Garcia ; none
Sacristans: P. Mikesic, P. Hill

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

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.02/01/26

Envelopes:	3516.00
Loose:	105.00
Building Fund:	563.00
Candles:	103.00
Poor Box:	10.00
Church in Latin America:	5.00
Donations:	350.00

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 Events

Food Kitchen

Food Kitchen date is for **Monday February 9th**. 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 February 10 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 lunch will be served!. Bring a friend and come join us for fellowship, with bingo and prizes on **Wednesday February 11th** starting at 11 am in the church basement.

Rosary Rally

Please join us to Honor Our Blessed Mother and Our Lady of Fatima which will be held on **Sunday February 15th from 3:00 pm to 4:15 pm** at **Saint Joseph Catholic Church** at 11311 Johnson Dr. Shawnee, KS. 66203. 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

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!!!

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.

You Are Invited!

OPEN HOUSE

Friday, February 13
3:00pm - 6:00pm at the
Wyandotte County Food Pantry
600 Minnesota Ave
Kansas City, KS 66101
*(Parking and food pantry entrance
can be accessed from 6th St)*
[RSVP here](#) or call Amy at 913.433.2572

Come see our renovated space!
Light refreshments will be provided. Help us
stock our shelves by bringing a canned food item.

ccnekvolunteers@catholiccharitiesks.org

MARK 16:18
"... THEY WILL LAY HANDS ON THE SICK AND THEY WILL RECOVER"



MAR. 8

QUEEN OF THE HOLY ROSARY
7023 W 71ST ST, OVERLAND PARK, KS 66204

6:00 PM Praise & Worship
6:30 PM Gospel presentation + corporate prayer
7:30 PM Individual prayer ministry

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KANSAS CITY CAMPUS



SPEAKER
ERIC WOMBWELL

JUN. 7

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH
11311 JOHNSON DR, SHAWNEE, KS 66203
6:00 PM Praise & Worship
6:30 PM Gospel presentation + corporate prayer
7:30 PM Individual prayer ministry



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11 February 2026

World Day of the Sick

Loving God,
rock of strength for those who trust in you;
comforter of those who call on you.
Hear the cry of those who suffer
from sickness or weakness,
and embrace them in your loving arms.
Give them peace,
and strengthen them
with the vision of your kingdom.
We make this prayer through
Jesus Christ our Lord.

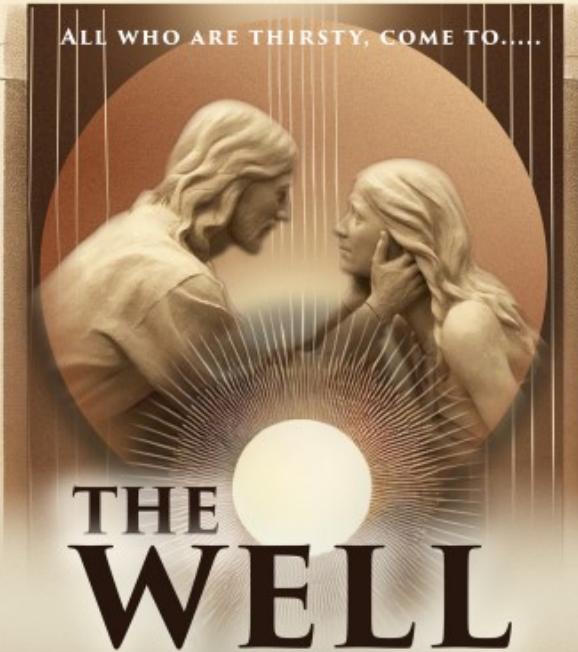
Amen.

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WORLD
DAY OF
THE SICK
11 FEBRUARY 2026

PRESENTED BY CHRISTOPHER WEST MUSIC BY MIKE MANGIONE



AN EVENING OF BEAUTY, REFLECTION, AND EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL
The heart burns with a mysterious thirst; THE WELL is an invitation to quench that thirst. THE WELL engages the imagination and the senses with live music by Mike Mangione and the dynamic presentation of Christopher West, for a revival like you've never experienced before. Come, all who are thirsty, come to THE WELL!

MARCH 25, 2026
6:30 PM - 9:30 PM

CO-HOSTED BY
HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH
ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC CHURCH
ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

HOLY TRINITY
CATHOLIC CHURCH
13615 W. 92ND STREET
LENEXA, KS 66215



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
- Chief's, 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.

FEB. 10



Patron Saint of

Benedictine women's communities, Convulsive children, Nuns, Invoked against storms and rain !

Dear St. Scholastica,
twin sister of St. Benedict, you were drawn to God from an early age. Born of wealthy parents, you gave up worldly riches for a satisfying spiritual life. God granted your request because of your great love. Pray that we may give all of our hearts to God, so that He may be first and foremost in our lives. Pray that we may discern His will for our lives, so that we may complete the unique mission ordained for us on earth and serve our fellow brothers and sisters with great joy. Amen.

ST. SCHOLASTICA

Died: 10 February 543 near Monte Cassino.
Feast: 10th February.

Our Lady of Lourdes

★ The Church
celebrates the
World Day of the
Sick on Feb 11.

★ On Feb 11, 1858,
Mother Mary
appeared to
Bernadette Soubirous.

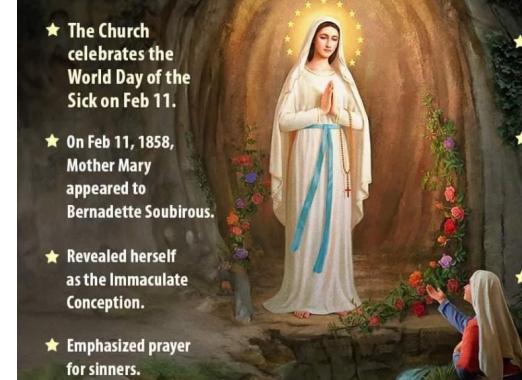
★ Revealed herself
as the Immaculate
Conception.

★ Emphasized prayer
for sinners.

★ Officially
recognized by the
Church in 1862.

★ She appeared 18
times at the
Grotto of
Massabielle in
Lourdes.

★ Water from the
miraculous spring
in the Grotto has
healed many.





ST. VALENTINE

He was a **bishop** in Terni, **martyred** in Rome on **February 14, 273**. He is celebrated worldwide as the "Saint of Love."

According to legend, he loved flowers and **gifted roses to engaged couples**, blessing them for a happy marriage.

His feast replaced the ancient Roman fertility rites of the **Lupercalia**, redirecting the focus toward faith, marriage, and family.

Under Emperor Aurelian, Valentine was **arrested, tortured, and beheaded** for performing Christian marriages, a crime in pagan Rome.

His relics rest in the **Basilica of St. Valentine in Terni**, Italy, where thousands of couples visit each year to seek his **blessing for their love**.

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BINGO BINGO BINGO BINGO

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

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