



# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

## The Most Holy Trinity



May 31, 2026

John 3:16-18

### 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

Ms. Wendy Stimac, Administrative Assistant

Mr. Tony Locatelli, Music Director

### Mass Schedule:

Saturday at 4 pm

(at St. John the Baptist in June)

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

(913) 281-4448

### Prayer Line



**Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit;  
to God who is, who was, and who is to come.**

- Revelation 1:8

## Keeping In Touch

On Wednesday we celebrated at the Chancery the first anniversary of the installation of Archbishop McKnight. We had mass together followed by lunch. It is hard to believe that a year has past since his installation. We are grateful for his ministry among us and I invite you to join me in not only giving thanks, but also asking the Lord to continue to inspire and bless him in his service to the Archdiocese.

Finally on Friday I spent the day in meetings dealing with the Archdiocesan Call to Share. As you have heard me say in the past, and this year is no different, the ministries that are supported by Call to Share are requesting more than what's collected and so Friday's meeting was spent discussing and determining the amounts given to those ministries that the funds support. This is never an easy task because each and every one of the ministries is very worthy of what they request and do a great job meeting the needs of the people they serve. In light of this reality let me make one final plea to support the Archdiocesan Call to Share. If you have done so, thank you! If you have not, I ask you to prayerfully consider making a contribution. It is not too late and every contribution counts, small or great.

Next week the priests will be on retreat. Please pray for us and know that we pray for you.

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



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday, May 31- The Most Holy Trinity**

9am- Evelyn & Mark Dean  
Josip & Roza Nikola Family Krznicaric  
Anton & Lily Rendulic  
Mike Zeljeznjak

**Thursday, June 4-**

8am- **NO MASS PRIEST RETREAT**

**Saturday, June 6-**

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

**Sunday, June 7- The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**

9am- Ivan & Danica Vancas  
John "Ivan" Podrebarac  
All Family of Nikola & Jadranka Gojmerac  
Janko & Marija Piskuric Ivan, Veronica & Frank Sudac

## LITURGICAL MINISTRY - MAY-JUNE

**May 31, 2026-**

**Lectors:** M. Viskovic, V. Tomasic  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** A. Kucenic  
**Blessed Cup:** R. Sambol, W. Stimac  
**Servers:** A. Garcia  
**Sacristans:** S. Sandelich, M. Alvey

**June 6-7, 2026-**

**Lectors:** J. Alvey, M. Grisnik ; S. Glenn, M. Viskovic  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** T. Jaksetic ; B. Horvat  
**Blessed Cup:** M. Tomasic , A. Kucenic  
**Servers:** none ; none  
**Sacristans:** T. Jaksetic, C. Delich ;  
K. Moutray, B. Horvat

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

	<u>Sun.05/24/26</u>
Envelopes:	2007.00
Loose:	56.00
Building Fund:	5.00
Candles:	184.00
Poor Box:	3.00
Mass Intention:	40.00
Ascension:	5.00
Donations:	50.00

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



## Prayer Requests

Pope Leo XIV, World Peace, Lynda Thompson, Sarah Skradski-Coleman, John Christ Sr., Diane Boan, Milka Subasic, Dianna Stimac, Millie Sambol, James Lipovac, 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.

## Upcoming Events

### **Coffee and Donut Sunday**

The event will be hosted by the Seniors on **Sunday June 7th**, Please come and join the parish for fellowship and updates from other parishioners.

### **Food Kitchen**

Food Kitchen date is for **Monday June 8th**. 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 June 9th 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.

### **Father's Day Breakfast**

Altar Society is sponsoring Father's Day Breakfast, **June 21st** after 9 am mass in the auditorium for \$5 a ticket. Tickets can be purchased after masses by contacting Nancy Gasparovic. You can also purchase tickets through Wendy during the week at the rectory, or tickets will be sold at the door. Men, women, boys, and girls are welcome to attend.

### **Monthly Senior Luncheon**

Senior meeting lunch will be served! Bring a friend and come join us for fellowship, with bingo and prizes on **Wednesday June 10th** 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 June 21st from 3:00 pm to 4:15 pm** at St. Pius X Parish at 5500 Woodson Ave. Mission, KS. 66202. 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](http://www.rosaryrallieskc.org)

## Just a few sides Notes....

### Altar Servers Needed

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](mailto:mygarcia@wycokck.org) or 913-645-6726. Training will be provided.



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

## ANNUAL PRIEST RETREAT

The Annual Archdiocesan Priest Retreat will be held on June 1 through June 5, 2026. The retreat will be held at Benedictine College, Atchison, Kansas.

There will be no 8:00 a.m. weekday masses on Thursday, June 4 at St. John the Baptist and on Friday, June 5 at Holy Family.

Let us pray for a successful retreat for all our Archdiocesan priests!

*"Behold, I make all things new."  
- Rev. 21:5*



Congratulations to **Fr. Peter M. Jaramillo, SSA** who recently celebrated his **45th Anniversary** of Priestly Ordination Kansas City, Kansas in the month of May.



"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit."

- John 15:16

## St. Mary & St. Anthony Parish Summer **E**thnic Festival

615 N. 7th St., Kansas City, KS

June 13. Mass at 4p.m. and the festival from 5-8:30p.m.

You are invited to join our parish as we celebrate St. Anthony's feast day and celebrate our parish's various heritages! The festival will feature Irish, German, Hispanic, and American food items, a variety of games and wheels, including the always popular "Salami, Homemade Povitica, and Beer wheel," a silent auction, and a bounce house for the kids. We celebrate our event INSIDE, in our cool and comfortable parish hall - no fighting the heat and weather! This is a cash only event. Our silent auction link will be available on our website, [www.smsakck.com](http://www.smsakck.com) and our Facebook page, St. Mary-St. Anthony Catholic Church by June 5. We hope you will join us for this fun and family friendly event!

# 89TH ANNUAL CROATIAN DAY PICNIC

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

5:00PM - 9:00PM

(AFTER 4PM MASS)



MUSIC AND DANCING PROVIDED BY

**HRVATSKI OBIČAJ**

**FOOD-BEVERAGES-RAFFLES**

AUTHENTIC CROATIAN FOOD

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH  
720 N. 4<sup>TH</sup> ST. KCK 66101

PICNIC LOCATED IN COURTYARD OF STRAWBERRY HILL MUSEUM

## Save the Date

Our festival will be **Saturday, August 15th** after 4pm Mass. The mailing will go out around **June 1st**. Be sure and check your mailbox. Online forms and information will be available at the same time. As always, we appreciate your participation.

St. Bernadette's Circle 2026 Spring Raffle  
St. John the Baptist Catholic Church - KCK

**First prize:** Little girl's basket with 8 outfits, 3 shirts, pajamas and accessories for baby/toddler. Value: \$350-plus.

**Second prize:** Comfy quilt with Croatian Festival logos. Value: \$200

*Proceeds go toward purchase of a defibrillator for church basement.*

**Tickets: \$3 each or 5 for \$10; Donations also welcome!**

<https://osvhub.com/stjohnthebaptistks/forms/st-bernadette-circle-raffle-tickets>

Please use the QR code or the link above to purchase the raffle tickets.



Thank you for your support!

## SLOVENIA VS. CROATIA

*Sunday, June 7, 2026 - Noon*

**St. John's Men's Club** is extending an invitation to our sister parish, Holy Family, to a soccer watch party pitting **Slovenia v. Croatia** at St. John's Club, 414 Barnett Ave., KCK on Sunday, June 7th. The doors open at noon.

Cevapi, potato salad and slaw are available for purchase, along with various beverages. Come and enjoy a spirited and fun time watching our countries' respective national teams compete on the pitch and enjoy fellowship between the parishes.



Experience Kansas City's rich Slavic heritage with two days of music, food, dance, folk art, fashion, and more. It's the **40th Anniversary Sugar Creek Slavic Festival**, featuring Grammy nominee Alex Meixner, local musicians **the Baric Brothers**, and fun soccer-filled contests as part of Kansas City's FIFA World Cup celebration. Admission at the door \$7 for adults. Children 12 and under are free! **Friday, June 12 - 5 to 11 pm** / **Saturday, June 13 - 12 to 11 pm**. 0Mike Onka Memorial Building & Park, 11520 E. Putnam, Sugar Creek, MO 64054.

Also, in honor of the nation's 250th Anniversary celebration, Slavicfest 2026 will also recognize the Slavic American military veterans, men and women, to be inducted in the North American Slavic Hall of Fame.

If you would like to submit your family members who served, please visit the Honors Page on the website and submit online at [www.slavicfest.com](http://www.slavicfest.com)





The new pope fears the awesome power of artificial intelligence will rob the authenticity of human encounters for the benefit of only a few. AFP via Getty images.

### ARCHDIOCESAN CALL TO SHARE

As of **May 1st**, our parish is with **59** gifts totaling at **\$15,210.00**. Our parish goal is **\$20,000.00**, however, **100%** participation is our objective, As of right now we only have **34%** total participation at this time

**A gift, no matter how small or large, is appreciated by those truly in need.**

To learn more, visit the ACTS website at <https://archkck.org/call-to-share/about-acts/>.

### Archbishop Mc Knight: Pope Leo warns AI must not replace our human dignity.

In reference to Pope Leo's first Encyclical Letter, Magnifica Humanitas (Magnificent Humanity) Archbishop Shawn McKnight's response can be found in the Kansas City Star dated May 5, 2026.

If interested in reading Archbishop McKnight's response to Pope Leo's document, visit the Archdiocesan website at <https://archkck.org>.



## Baby Bottle Boomerang

Support women & families facing an unplanned pregnancy by filling a bottle with coins OR scan to donate!

MOTHERS DAY TO FATHERS DAY



Learn more at [lifeandhopeteam.org](http://lifeandhopeteam.org)



Dear Members of the Community,

You are cordially invited to join Caelestis Harmonia, a new community choir dedicated to performing a diverse range of musical styles and levels! No audition is required to participate.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact Music Director **Vincent Moran** at (913) 620-6058 or [vincentmo-ran86@gmail.com](mailto:vincentmo-ran86@gmail.com) to reserve your place. All members will receive sheet music and practice links to assist with, individual study prior to our scheduled rehearsals.

**Rehearsal Schedule:**  
**Mondays (Parish Hall, 6:00 PM 8:00 PM):** June 15, 22, 29; July 6, 13, 20.  
**Wednesdays (All Saints Catholic Church, 6:00 PM-8:00 PM):** June 17, 24; July 1, 8, 15, 22.  
**Saturday (All Saints Catholic Church, 2:00 PM-4:00 PM):** June 27.

While attendance at every rehearsal is not mandatory, we encourage you to attend as many as your schedule permits.

Our performance will take place on *Friday, July 24th, at 6:00 PM* at **All Saints Catholic Church** (811 Vermont Ave, KCK 66101), followed by a wine and cheese reception in the parish hall. We look forward to singing with you!