



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 21, 2026

Matthew 10:26-33

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

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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

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

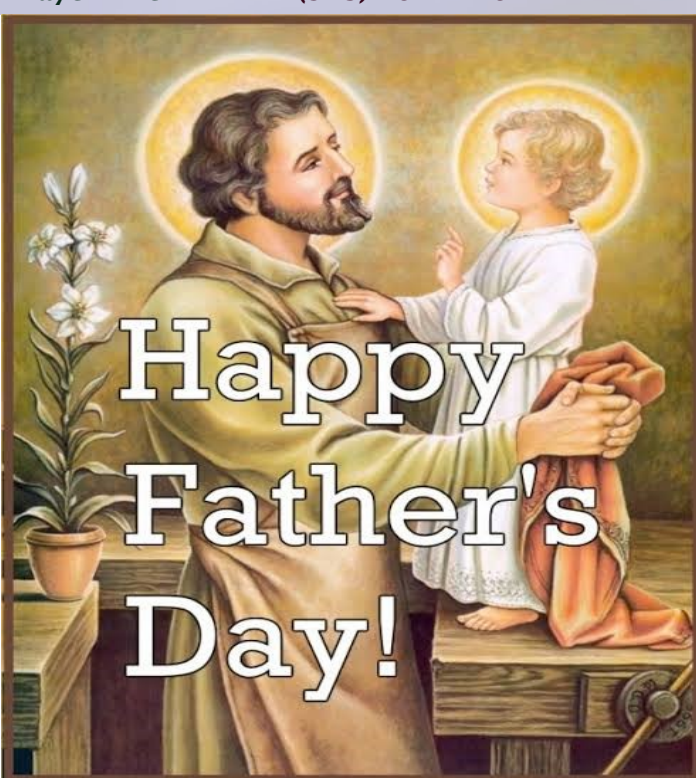
Parish Council Don Taylor

Altar Society Kelly Moutray

St. John's Club Ken Yarnevich

913-371-9690

Prayer Line (913) 281-4448



Keeping In Touch

This past week has been pretty normal with one exception. The exception being that I had mass for the staff at the Chancery. We have mass at the Chancery every week for the staff and it usually the Archbishop who usually celebrates the mass, but when he cannot the priests that work in the building sign up for the masses. While it is true that the Chancery is an office and there's lots of work to be done it is important for us as people of faith to come together to pray. There are opportunities every day that the office is open for the staff to come together to pray and once a week we gather for the highest form of prayer, the mass. When having these opportunities for prayer, we remind ourselves every day that the work that we do is done for God and his people. As we lift up the whole Archdiocese in our prayers please pray for us at the Chancery that we may carry out the mission entrusted to us for the greater honor and Glory of God.

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



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, June 21-

9am- John F. Mikesic
Matthew J. Skradski
Mike & Steve Suljak, Ivan Livojevic
George Yuratovich

Thursday, June 25-

8am- Tom Lally
Catherine L. Chontos
Melanie Nygaard ~50th Birthday

Saturday, June 27-

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

Sunday, June 28-

9am- Dave & Mile Gasparovic
Ivan Sr. & Ivan Jr. Zeleznak & Steve Cavlovic
Janko Cavlovic & Marija & Nikola Bert
Nikola Kolic

LITURGICAL MINISTRY -JUNE

June 20-21 2026-

Lectors: L. Worner, R. Worner ;
M. Viskovic, V. Tomasic

Eucharistic Ministers: N. Gasparovich ; M. Tomasic

Blessed Cup: none ; G. Garcia, B. Horvat

Servers: none ; A. Garcia

Sacristans: M. Foster, J. Foster ; B. Horvat

June 27-28 2026-

Lectors: B. Horvat ; C. Schneider, M. Viskovic

Eucharistic Ministers: S. Morrow ; A. Kucenic

Blessed Cup: W. Stimac, R. Sambol

Servers: none ; none

Sacristans: B. Horvat, C. Kolich ; W. Stimac

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

	<u>Sat.06/13/26</u>	<u>Sun.06/14/26</u>
Envelopes:	1719.00	1603.50
Loose:	143.00	87.00
Building Fund:	60.00	30.00
Candles:	50.00	103.00
Poor Box:		16.00
Fathers Day:	85.00	50.00
Donations:		744.05
In Honor Of:		92.00
(Kathleen Braun Happy Birthday!)		



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



Prayer Requests

Pope Leo XIV, World Peace, Lynda Thompson, Sarah Skradski-Coleman, John Christ Sr., 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

The **Altar Society** will be collecting the baby bottles for the Baby Bottle Boomerang. Please return them to the church or the rectory filled with coins or cash or check made out to **Wyandotte Pregnancy Clinic**. Thank you for helping unborn babies and their families.

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.



Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Grant them and their staff the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. **Amen.**

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 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.



"How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good He has done for me?"

~Psalm 116:12

A simple way is naming the parish endowment fund as a partial or full beneficiary of your 401K, IRA, or other retirement account. This is easy, costs nothing during your lifetime, and can provide income for your parish forever. For more information, contact the Catholic Foundation of Northeast Kansas at 913-647-3062 or cfnek@archkck.org.

THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

JUNE 24



I graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Motion Media from the Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD).

-Emily Grey

Congratulations, Emily Grey!

The parishioners of St. John the Baptist extend their heartfelt congratulations to **Emily Grey**, daughter of **Chance** and **Christine Grey** and granddaughter of **Mike** and **Annie Kucenic**, on graduating **Magna Cum Laude** with a **Bachelor of Fine Arts in Motion Media** from the Savannah College of Art and Design.

We celebrate this outstanding achievement and wish you God's blessings, continued success, and happiness as you begin this exciting new chapter in your life.

Congratulations and best wishes for a bright future!

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

2026 Croatian Festival

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
on Historic Strawberry Hill



Festival Wish List

Volunteer, please!

One of the biggest needs on our list is volunteers! You love the festival - be an integral part! Join our sarma dinner kitchen staff or work in a booth for a shift. You will still have time to enjoy the festival before or after!

Call Joanne Lally or message us at kckcroatianfestival@gmail.com.

Kids' Area Gifts

Your continued generosity is what keeps our kids' games at 50 cents a play and gives the little ones a higher chance of winning!

1. Kids' treats and toys - We love boxes of goodies for school lunches or afternoon snacks as we as fun toys. Forget the guesswork and visit our church website to click on our Amazon Wish List.

2. 2-Liter bottles of soda - we go through about 150 bottles each year in the ring toss. The more bottles, the longer the kiddos can play.

Jewelry and Make-up

1. Your old costume jewelry becomes someone's accessories. And your broken baubles are made into new items!

2. Make-up samples from the cosmetic counter, the dollar stores or your monthly treat bags are perfect for the little bags we sell!

Bring items to the rectory, or leave in the church basement!

Our sincere gratitude for your help in continuing the Catholic Croatian tradition on Strawberry Hill. God bless you.



A Few Notes

Your participation in the Croatian Festival is crucial! Whether you donate gifts or money, make the food or attend and spend (lots!) of money, you make our church event a success!

The money raised through the year and at our festival keeps the church open and the lights on, but also to maintain our 125-year-old buildings.

Over the last year or so, you have seen the many repairs underway - we appreciate your help in getting there. Stay tuned for more.

A little bit about our success

Our festival proceeds continue to grow each year. Even though we are a small parish, the larger community of children, grandchildren and friends of St. John's always rise to help.

In 2019, the church earned about \$60,000. Compare this with a profit of \$98,000 in 2025, our highest festival amount.

A majority of money comes from Support St. John's Sponsorships (\$58,000) and the 50/50 Raffle (\$9,450).

Strawberry Hill T-shirts!

Check out our retro T-shirt design for 2026! We have paired a favorite logo on a white tee with red ribbing on the neck and sleeves.

Buy your shirts using our secure online payment, or complete the T-shirt form included in your parish mailing.

Shirts are \$25 each and come in Adult small, medium, large, XL and 2X.

Pre-orders may be picked up at the rectory or on festival night. Yes! We can mail shirts for \$6 each.

Shirts will be available for purchase on Festival Night at the Strawberry Boutique, along with many fun themed items.

2026 Support St. John's Sponsorships

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on Historic Strawberry Hill



Strawberry Cheesecake Delight

The Gorsky Family

Strawberry Patch

Marty Yadrick

In Memory of Joseph N. Modrcin

In Memory of Joseph & Catherine Podrebarac

Mike & Karen Svetlic

Strawberry Plant

Charles & Mary Ann Trzok-Laundy

In Memory of Pete, Dorothy & Pat Novosel

The Tomasic Family

Bob Janesko

The Lally Family

Christine Allen

Strawberry Shortcake

The Boan & Kovac Families Rick & Susan (Zunick) Robards

Ivana Morris & Dave Martin Anita Gasparovic

Strawberry Preserves

Michael & Maegan Thomas In Memory of Carol & Otto Kaifes

Pam & Ted Rusovick

In Memory of Ike & Kata Modrcin

Catherine Delich

Malnar & Urkevich Families

Strawberry Seed

CJ & Mallory Krug

Bernadette Acinger West

Thank you for generously supporting St. John the Baptist. The deadline to be on the banner is Aug. 8, 2026. Please contact Kathy Lally Bareiss at kckcroatianfestival@gmail.com for questions or corrections.