



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 28, 2026

Matthew 10:37-42

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

Ms. Wendy Stimac, Administrative Assistant

Mr. Tony Locatelli, Music Director

Mass Schedule:

Saturday at 4 pm

(at Holy Family on Saturday, June 27th & In July)

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 week has been a week of office work and meetings. Being the head of the Tribunal there is not only the case work but there is a good amount of administrative work that needs to be done as well. Part of that administrative work is employee evaluations. This past week we had to complete the evaluations for the employees. This is a great process as it helps us to grow and become better at what we do. Every employee does a self-evaluation and then the supervisor does their evaluation of the employee. After this we meet together to discuss the evaluation. As a department head I also have to meet with the one who supervises a portion of the employees in my department. With evaluations done for this year, I was reminded of the importance for all of us to look at our lives and see how we are doing. We give thanks for what we have done well and we seek to improve on what we have not done well. This looking at our lives should be at least once a week but even better if it is once a day. As priests and religious we examine our lives every day and this practice really helps us to acknowledge our sins and to give thanks for ways in which we have accepted the grace of God and did good. I encourage you, if you do not already do this, to try it and see the positive effect it has on your life.



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



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, June 28-

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

Thursday, July 2-

8am- Kate Yuratovich
Mildred Vogelsang

Saturday, July 4-

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

Sunday, July 5-

9am- Mary B. & John G. Mikesic
Mirica Black
Mr. & Mrs. AJ Persin
Anthony B Pham

LITURGICAL MINISTRY -JUNE-JULY

June 27-28, 2026-

Lectors: Mass at HF ; C. Schneider, M. Viskovic

Eucharistic Ministers: Mass at HF ; A. Kucenic

Blessed Cup: W. Stimac, R. Sambol

Servers: none ; none

Sacristans: Mass at HF , C. Kolich ; W. Stimac

July 5, 2026-

Lectors: M. Viskovic, P. Mikesic

Eucharistic Ministers: A. Kucenic

Blessed Cup: B. Horvat, N. Gasparovic

Servers: none

Sacristans: P. Mikesic, P. Hill

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

	<u>Sat.06/20/26</u>	<u>Sun.06/21/26</u>
Envelopes:	1145.00	1970.00
Loose:	120.00	304.00
Building Fund:	400.00	225.00
Candles:	73.00	131.50
Poor Box:		10.00
Fathers Day:	110.00	145.00
Donations:		300.00
Food Kitchen:		20.00



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



Prayer Requests

Pope Leo XIV, 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

Coffee and Donut Sunday

The event will be hosted by the **St. John's CC** on
Sunday July 5th, Please come and join the parish
for fellowship and updates from other parishioners.

Monthly Senior Luncheon

Senior meeting lunch will be served!. Bring a friend
and come join us for fellowship, with bingo and
prizes on **Wednesday July 8th** starting at 11 am in
the church basement.

Food Kitchen

Food Kitchen date is for **Monday July 13th**.
Desserts may be dropped off in the church base-
ment 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 July 14th 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.

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

ARCHDIOCESAN CALL TO SHARE

As of **June 25th**, our parish is with **63** gifts totaling
at \$**16,440.00**. Our parish goal is **\$20,000.00**,
however, **100%** participation is our objective, As of
right now we only have **36%** 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/](https://archkck.org/call-to-share/about-acts/).

With Deepest Sympathy

The parishioners of **St. John the Baptist and Holy Family Church** extend our heartfelt sympathy and deepest condolences to **Dr. Judy Vogelsang** and her family on the passing of her beloved mother, Mildred Vogelsang. May God's loving presence bring you comfort and peace during this difficult time. We pray that the Lord welcomes Mildred into His eternal embrace and grants strength, hope, and healing to all who mourn her loss. Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. †

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.



In Memoriam

June 2, 1928 - June 9, 2026

Mildred Vogelsang, 98, passed away on the evening of *June 9, 2026* at her home in Godfrey, Illinois with her family at her side. Millie was preceded in

death by her husband John Vogelsang, her parents, her in-laws, Ervin Vogelsang Sr. (Dorothy), her brothers, Pete Perica Jr. (Delores), Paul Perica (Patty), Ray Perica, and brother-in-law Ervin Vogelsang Jr. There are many aunts and uncles on the Perica and Barach side of the family whom she will join in heaven.

Millie is survived by her daughters, Dr. Judy Vogelsang of Kansas City, Dr. Pam Vogelsang and husband Dr. Jeff Hampel of St. Louis, Linda Benson (Ken) of Naples, FL, brother, Ken Perica (Ellen) of Cincinnati, Ohio, sisters-in-law, Rosalie Vogelsang of Godfrey, and Sue Perica of Lakeland, FL. Three grandchildren will sadly miss their Nani, Stephanie Clark (Ian) of St. Louis, Lauren Hampel of Kansas City, Chris Hampel of Golden, CO, and one great granddaughter, Ella Clark of St. Louis. She will also be missed by her nieces, nephews, and cousins throughout the country. Last but not least, Millie loved animals and will be dearly missed by her little white Shih Tzu, Mylie. A Mass of Christian burial was held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 16, 2026 at St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Godfrey, IL. Burial was at Valhalla Memorial Park in Godfrey. Memorials may be made to St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 820 W. Homer M. Adams Parkway, Godfrey, IL 62035 or to the LCCC Foundation Godfrey Women's Club Endowment, c/o Debbie Edelman, 5800 Godfrey Road, Godfrey, IL 62035.

Father's Day Breakfast 2026

A huge thank you to the ladies of the **Altar Society** for another lovely Father's Day Breakfast. What a wonderful way to honor the dads of our parish. The food was delicious and the tables were decorated in fun! The hostesses, of course, were the Altar Society members. Many raffle prizes were drawn and a number of fathers went home with a little gift!



St. Bernadette's Spring Raffle 2026

Thanks to all who participated in the Spring Raffle sponsored by **St. Bernadette's Circle** (part of the Altar Society.) The raffle was held to raise funds for a defibrillator (AED) for the church basement - a cost of about \$1500. We are pleased to announce that long-time parishioners **Mike and Anne Kucenic** donated money to fund the defibrillator. The Kucenic's said they both wanted to ensure that the life-saving equipment was available in case anyone needed it. The raffle raised \$665. Those funds will now be used for training and the replacement of AED pads and batteries as needed.

Winners of the raffle prizes were drawn during the Father's Day breakfast on July 21.

Ginger Ellis won the little girls' basket (filled with cute baby/toddler clothes and items).

Mary Gasparovic won the hand-made lap quilt sewn with festival t-shirts.

We appreciate everyone who donated items for the raffle basket and offer our gratitude to **Beckie Mikesic** for making the quilt.

13TH ANNUAL **FRIDAY, JULY 31, 2026**
PITCHING PRIESTS
 LEGENDS FIELD - KCK
 Brought to you by CATHOLIC RADIO NETWORK

1800 Village West Parkway, Kansas City, Kansas

GATES OPEN AT 5:00 PM THIS YEAR!
 On field events start at 5:20 pm
 First pitch at 6:30 pm

Priests from the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph vs. the priests of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas to raise funds for and encourage vocations

THIS YEARS EVENT IS **FREE!!!** A FreeWill offering. to benefit seminarians will be accepted at the ballpark or you can donate right now using the QR code.

* Tailgating * Parachute Pants * Hot Dog Race
 * Girls Run * Ketchup, Mustard & Relish Race
 * Boys Run * Baby Crawl * Balloon Bust * Dance off

3:00 pm - Tailgating in the parking lot
 5:00 pm - Stadium gates open (an hour earlier!)
 5:20 pm - Kids Run (on the field)
 6:00 pm - Baby Crawl
 6:20 pm - Skydivers land in stadium
 6:30 pm - First Pitch
 9:00 pm - Game Ends

CITY ON A HILL
 CATHOLIC RADIO NETWORK
 CHESTERTON ACADEMY OF ST. PHILIP NERI
 PIZZA SHOPPE

You can also donate online at catholicradio.com

Fire Within: Kindled for Transforming Union Silent Retreat

Christ's Peace House of Prayer
 22131 Meagher Road - Easton, KS 66020

Friday, July 10th, at 5:30pm - Sunday, July 12th, at 4:30pm

This silent retreat invites you into the depths of contemplative prayer through the rich teachings of Fr. Thomas Dubay's Fire Within. Relying on the wisdom of St. Teresa of Ávila and St. John of the Cross, this retreat explores the transforming action of the Holy Spirit, who purifies, illuminates, and draws the soul into profound union with God. Participants will learn how to respond to God's invitation to deep prayer—moving beyond distraction and self-effort into the quiet openness where the Lord Himself becomes the Teacher. Fr. Dubay's insights on contemplation will help illuminate the stages of the interior life, the call to holiness, and the purifying fire of divine love. This retreat offers a peaceful space to be renewed, to listen, and to allow the Lord to kindle the flame of His transforming love in your heart. Pricing: · Cabins/Courtyard Rooms: \$180 Single / \$270 Couple · Single Guest Rooms: \$110 (All meals included) To Register: Fill out the Individual Retreat Form at ChristsPeace.com or call 913-773-8255.

HOLY FAMILY'S CHURCH NEW EMAIL!!

holyfamilychurchofficekck@gmail.com

Sips for Scholarships
 RESURRECTION CATHOLIC SCHOOL

CHEERS TO CHANGING LIVES!
SUPPORT FOR NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS

August 1, 2026 | 5-8 PM
Boulevard Brewing Co.
2501 Southwest Blvd
Kansas City, MO 64108

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Lower Your Income and Taxes with an IRA QCD Gift to the Parish:

With an IRA QCD (qualified charitable distribution) gift to the parish endowment fund, you can support your parish and its long-term financial health, without impacting your cash flow and benefitting from lower taxes. For more information, contact the **Catholic Foundation of Northeast Kansas** at 913-647-3062 or cfnek@archkck.org.

2026 Croatian Festival

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
on Historic Strawberry Hill

June 27-28, 2026



Kids' Booth

Thanks to everyone who has sent items for the Kids' treat booth, either in person or through our Amazon wish list.

We know that Kiddieland brings in families and when the kids are happy, so are the parents who spend money to support our parish.

Your continued contributions of toys, snacks and 2-Liter bottles of soda pop help us keep those prices at 50 cents per play.

Sarma Dinners

In keeping with tradition, sarma dinners will once again be available. The cost is \$25 for two sarmas, potato salad, green beans, bread, dessert and a bottle of water.

If you have your eye on a 4:45 p.m. reservation, make sure you send in your form early. The dinner time just after Mass is the most popular and goes quickly!

So, you pre-ordered your sarma dinner, what next? Just walk into the auditorium at your reservation time and give your name! Easy-peasy.

Pre-order your dinners using the form mailed to you (or download it from our website.) You can also order and pay online with a credit card.

Dinners tickets will be available for purchase on festival night for the 5:30 and 6:15 p.m. slots. Cash is preferred. Credit cards will be accepted, but the line is much longer!

Sausage sandwiches (no sides) will be available from The Grill. It is in front of St. John's Club main door.

A Note of Thanks

Behind the food, the drinks and the booths stands a very hard-working group of festival planners (your fellow parishioners!)

These folks take responsibility for food or a booth - recruiting helpers, ordering supplies, making food, and tending to a thousand details ahead of the festival.

During festival week, they take vacation days to be at St. John's getting ready to make another festival to remember.

This week, we introduce you to a few of these festival super-stars!

Beckie Mikesic, along with daughter Sarah Mikesic, has organized the Kids' booths for at least a decade. Thanks to Beckie who is passionate about ensuring that our kiddos have a great time.

Bernadette Tomasic and Teresa Kovac took on the sarma dinner a few years ago from the St. John's Seniors. This is a monumental task and we appreciate their organization and kitchen skills.

Mike and Annie Kucenic head up The Grill - cooking and serving sausage sandwiches, hamburgers, hot dogs and other goodies. What a wonderful asset they are.

Jaime Clark is everywhere - keeping the supply list; taking care of set-up, clean-up and everything in-between. Festival-related? Jaime is there. We are grateful for his tireless work!

Stay tuned for more team members next week!

50-50 Raffle 50-50 Raffle

This is your chance to win up to \$2,500 in the Mini Raffle and \$5,000 in the Maxi Raffle. The entry is \$100 per ticket. Up to 50 entries are available for the Mini Raffle - the proceeds are split between the winner and the church. For the Maxi Raffle, proceeds are also split, but additional winners are possible if more than 100 entries are sold. Use the form or pay online!

2026 Support St. John's Sponsorships

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
on Historic Strawberry Hill



Strawberry Cheesecake Delight

The Gorsky Family

Chocolate-Dipped Strawberries

The Worner Family

Strawberry Patch

Marty Yadrick

In Memory of Joseph & Catherine Podrebarac

In Memory of Joseph N. Modrcin

Mike & Karen Svetlic

Jerry Cindric

In Memory of Chris Braun & Bob Braun Sr.

Marie Kolic

Kathy Dumovich Kovac

Skradski & Sambol Families

Strawberry Plant

Charles & Mary Ann Trzok-Laundy

In Memory of Pete, Dorothy & Pat Novosel

The Kovac & Krupich Families

Loren & Kathy Lally Bareiss

Andrea S. Thomas

The Tomasic Family

Bob Janesko

The Lally Family

Christine Allen



Strawberry Shortcake

The Boan & Kovac Families
Ivana Morris & Dave Martin
Rick & Susan (Zunick) Robards
Anita Gasparovic
In Memory of Rita Rodina & Sam Stice
Mike and Annie Kucenic

Strawberry Preserves

In Memory of Carol & Otto Kaifes
In Memory of Ike & Kata Modrcin
Malnar & Urkevich Families
Courtney Mikesic & Dave Mikesic
Michael & Maegan Thomas
Pam & Ted Rusovick
Catherine Delich

Strawberry Seed

CJ & Mallory Krug
Bernadette Acinger West

We greatly appreciate the very generous donations to Support St. John the Baptist Catholic Church! As of June 25, 2026, the sponsorships have generated \$33,000!

Last year, we raised \$58,000 - and our goal for this year is \$60,000!

The deadline to be on the banner is Aug. 8, 2026.

Please contact Kathy Lally Bareiss at kckcroatianfestival@gmail.com for questions or corrections. My phone number is in the church directory.