



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Corpus Christi

June 7, 2026

John 6:51-58

Parish Office:

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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 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

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Prayer Line



Jesus said to the Jewish crowds: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

- John 6:51-58

Keeping In Touch

The priest's retreat has come to an end and I am back home. It was a great retreat and it was great to be with my brother priests. Our retreat director was good and he reminded us of some very important things to strengthen our spiritual lives. It was great to pray together and to have fellowship together. One of the things that we do on the retreat is that we have a nice supper on Wednesday night where we celebrate significant anniversaries of our brother priests. One of the things that we did this year was count up the number of years of priesthood at each table. One table had 402 years of priesthood at it. Needless to say that table had a lot of our senior priests at it. We had one priest with us who was celebrating 72 years as a priest. It was a joy filled evening where we were grateful for each other and for the shared ministry to God's people. Now with joy and gratitude in my heart I look forward to the week ahead.

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



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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

Thursday, June 11-
8am-

Saturday, June 13-
4pm- *Mass at St. John the Baptist*
People of the Parishes

Sunday, June 14-
9am- Katica Jadric
Magda & Nikola Sestric & Sofija Kovacic
George, Ainsley, Ivan, Ana Brajkovic
Frank Brajkovic

LITURGICAL MINISTRY -JUNE

June 6-7, 2026-
Lectors: J. Alvey, M. Grisnik ; S. Glenn, M. Viskovic
Eucharistic Ministers: T. Jaksetic ; B. Horvat
Blessed Cup: none ; M. Tomasic , A. Kucenic
Servers: none ; none
Sacristans: T. Jaksetic, C. Delich ;
K. Moutray, B. Horvat

June 13-14, 2026-
Lectors: G. Garcia ; M. Viskovic, P. Mikesic
Eucharistic Ministers: M. Garcia ; N. Gasparovic
Blessed Cup: none ; R. Sambol, W. Stimac
Servers: A. Garcia, M. Garcia ; none
Sacristans: A. Nastav, R. Nastav ; P. Mikesic, P. Hill

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

	<u>Sun.05/31/26</u>
Envelopes:	2727.00
Loose:	115.00
Building Fund:	775.00
Candles:	80.00
Poor Box:	20.00
Mass Intention:	120.00
Fathers Day:	20.00
Donations:	50.00
In Memory Of: (Joe Cavlovic)	25.00



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., 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

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.



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

St. Mary & St. Anthony Parish Summer Ethnic 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 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!

From SJB Altar Society...

There will be an Altar Society meeting in the church basement immediately following Mass on **Sunday, June 14th**. We will discuss the Father's Day breakfast. All Altar Society members and those interested in joining the Altar Society are invited to attend.

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.



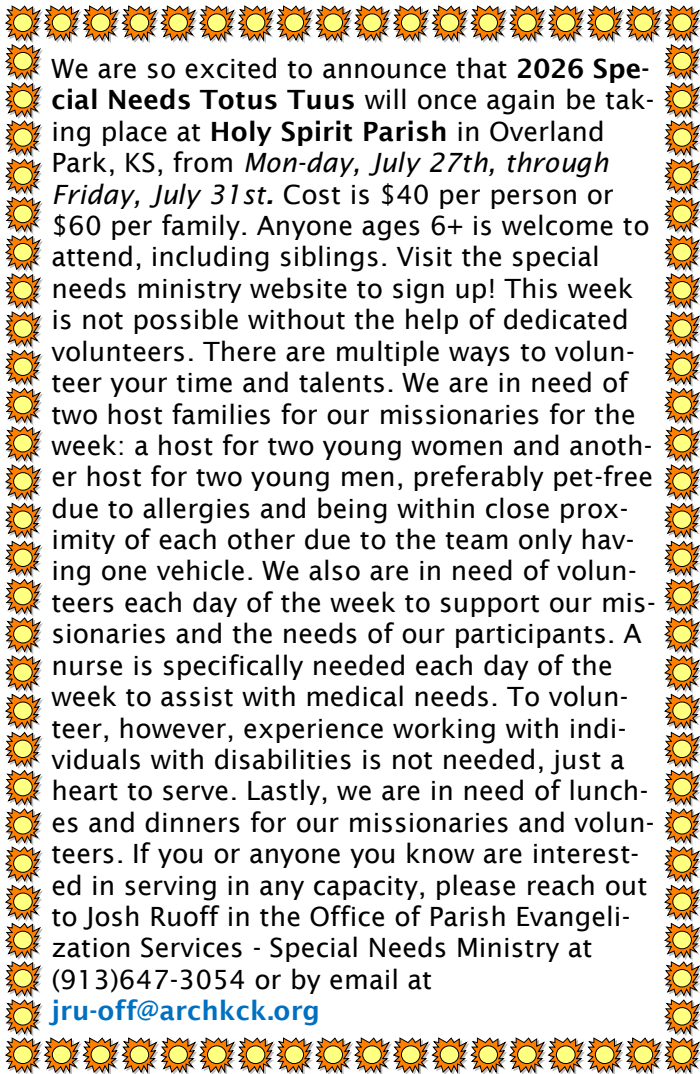
Thank you for your support!

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.

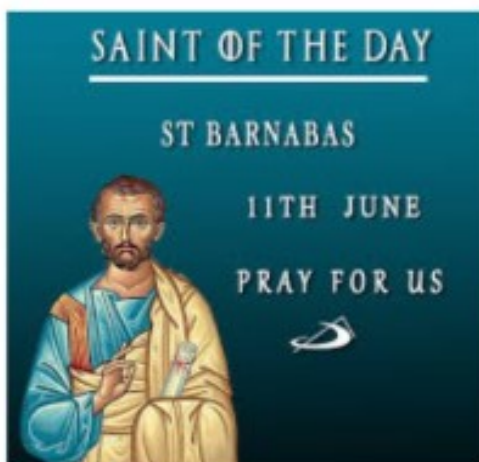

Also, in honor of the nation's 250th Anniversary celebration, Slavifest 2026 will also recognize the Slavic American military veterans, men and women, to be inducted in the North American Slavic Hall of Fame.

If you would like to submit your family members who served, please visit the Honors Page on the website and submit online at www.slavifest.com




 We are so excited to announce that **2026 Special Needs Totus Tuus** will once again be taking place at **Holy Spirit Parish** in Overland Park, KS, from *Monday, July 27th, through Friday, July 31st*. Cost is \$40 per person or \$60 per family. Anyone ages 6+ is welcome to attend, including siblings. Visit the special needs ministry website to sign up! This week is not possible without the help of dedicated volunteers. There are multiple ways to volunteer your time and talents. We are in need of two host families for our missionaries for the week: a host for two young women and another host for two young men, preferably pet-free due to allergies and being within close proximity of each other due to the team only having one vehicle. We also are in need of volunteers each day of the week to support our missionaries and the needs of our participants. A nurse is specifically needed each day of the week to assist with medical needs. To volunteer, however, experience working with individuals with disabilities is not needed, just a heart to serve. Lastly, we are in need of lunches and dinners for our missionaries and volunteers. If you or anyone you know are interested in serving in any capacity, please reach out to Josh Ruoff in the Office of Parish Evangelization Services - Special Needs Ministry at (913)647-3054 or by email at jru-off@archkck.org


 We are excited to once again partner with **Prairie Star Ranch** in offering **Special Needs Family Camp** at **Camp Tekakwitha** *June 12-14*. While spots for camp are full, we are in need of assistance throughout the weekend. Volunteers will help support the camp staff and our families to ensure the safety and enjoyment of everyone! No previous experience is required. Please reach out to Josh Ruoff at jru-off@archkck.org or 913-647-3054 if you are interested in helping!



 An advertisement for Retrouvaille, a marriage retreat. It features a photo of a smiling family (mother, father, and two children). The text includes:

- HOPE**
- RESTORE, REFRESH, REAWAKEN
- On the outside, we looked like the perfect couple... But the reality of our marriage was very different*
- 95% of past attendees would recommend Retrouvaille to a family member or friend
- 85% reported having a deeper understanding of themselves, their spouses, and their faith
- Time-tested practical communication skills to build a stronger and more loving marriage
- Canonically Recognized Private Association of the Roman Catholic Church 2016
- RETROUVAILLE** BUILD A STRONGER MARRIAGE
- KANSAS CITY** Local: 800.470.2230
- June 19-21 HelpOurMarriage.org

RETREAT OPPORTUNITY
 Be Still and Know: Abiding in His Presence Silent Retreat **Christ's Peace House of Prayer**
 22131 Meagher Road - Easton, KS 66020
Friday, June 26 at 5:30pm-Sunday, June 28 at 4:30pm
 Slow down and rediscover the grace of the present moment. Drawing from The Mindful Catholic and Abandonment to Divine Providence, this silent retreat invites you to rest in God's presence, release anxiety, and grow in trustful surrender to His loving care. Cabins/Courtyard Rooms: \$180 Single/\$270 Couple or Single Guest Rooms: \$110 (Meals Included). To attend, fill out the Individual Retreat Form at ChristsPeace.com or call 913.773.8255.



The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus - June 12
The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary - June 13

O Most Sacred Heart of Jesus:

You know the longings of our hearts, and you desire that we enjoy friendship with you. From your pierced side, you have poured out the wellspring of life, for which we thirst. Your heart burns with a love for all people to return to a right relationship with you. We celebrate the abundant gifts you have given this nation, founded on the self-evident truths that our Creator has endowed all people with the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We make reparation for the offenses against you and against human dignity that have taken place in this nation. May our hearts be united to yours, so that our families and communities enjoy peace and happiness; may broken relationships be reconciled, injustices repaired, and the wounds of our land be healed. May your holy Catholic Church serve as a sign, pointing all people to your infinite love. O Desire of Nations and Center of History, we ask you to bless these United States of America. Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us!
 Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us!

- USCCB Website, Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

The Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known, that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession, was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To thee I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy, hear and answer me. Amen.

Prayer of Entrustment to Our Lady

My Queen! My Mother! I give myself entirely to you, and to show my devotion to you, I consecrate to you this day my eyes, my ears, my mouth, my heart, my whole being without reserve.

Wherefore, good Mother, as I am your own, keep me, guard me, as your property and possession.

My Queen! My Mother! Remember I am yours. Keep me, guard me as your property and possession. O, Mary Immaculate Virgin! Offer your Son, Jesus Christ, that by its power a mortal sin may be prevented in the world. Amen.

*-My Treasured Catholic Prayers,
 Sisters of Charity of Our Lady, Mother of the
 Church, Baltic, CT*