



# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

## 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 2, 2026

Matthew 14:13-21

### 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 August)

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 another great week at home with my mother. We only had one day trip this week and the weather has been great. Every place has its own beauty but the scenery of home always has a special beauty that cannot be found elsewhere. Looking at the mountains and ocean every day has been a great joy. This weekend we are having a family reunion (on my father's side). It will be great to see everyone. I am sure that there will be lots of good times to be had. See you next weekend!

Blessings in Christ and

St. Augustine ,

Fr. Joseph M. Arsenault, SSA, JV, VF, Pastor



Sunday  
is a  
gift



Feeding the Five Thousand

Matthew 14:13-21

God First Ministry



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday, August 2-**

**9am-** Mike Skrljac  
Miho & Magda Kucenic  
George & Katie Kucenic  
Josip & Magda Kucenic

**Thursday, August 6-**

**8am-**

**Saturday, August 8-**

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

**Sunday, August 9-**

**9am-** Milan & Vlade Gasparovic  
Family of Nikola Gojmerac  
John "Ivan" Podrebarac  
Nick, Janko & Darko Kucenic

## LITURGICAL MINISTRY -AUGUST

**August 1-2, 2026-**

**Lectors:** L. Worner ; M. Garcia, V. Tomasic  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** R. Worner ; C. Schneider  
**Blessed Cup:** none ; A. Kucenic, B. Horvat  
**Servers:** none ; M. Garcia  
**Sacristans:** T. Jaksetic, C. Delich ;  
S. Sandelich, M. Alvey

**August 8-9 2026-**

**Lectors:** B. Horvat ; C. Schneider, R. Sambol  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** S. Morrow ; N. Gasparovic  
**Blessed Cup:** none ; A. Kucenic, M. Garcia  
**Servers:** none, A. Garcia  
**Sacristans:** M. Foster, J. Foster ;  
H. Rebeck, W. Stimac

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

|                       | <u>Sun.07/26/26</u> |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Envelopes:</b>     | 2343.50             |
| <b>Loose:</b>         | 124.00              |
| <b>Building Fund:</b> | 1120.00             |
| <b>Candles:</b>       | 197.50              |
| <b>Poor Box:</b>      | 25.00               |
| <b>Donations:</b>     | 7000.00             |

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.

*(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

### **Coffee and Donut Sunday**

The event will be hosted by the **Parish Council** on **Sunday August 2nd**, Please come and join the parish for fellowship and updates from other parishioners. Trash Bags will be available to buy during coffee and donuts! 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. Make checks payable to **St. John the Baptist Church**. Exact money if paying with cash please.

### **Food Kitchen**

Food Kitchen date is for **Monday August 10th**. 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.

### **Monthly Senior Luncheon**

Senior meeting lunch will be Pot Luck!. Bring a favorite dish for all to share, main course and dessert is furnished! Bring a friend and come join us for fellowship, with bingo and prizes on **Wednesday August 12th** starting at 11 am in the church basement.

### **St. Bernadette's Circle**

Members of the circle are invited to come to the meeting on **Tuesday August 18th 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.



## 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.



## MASS TO MARK 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF SISTERS, SERVANTS OF MARY CONGREGATION

The Servants of Mary, Ministers to the Sick, invite persons from across the archdiocese to join them in celebrating the 175th anniversary of the founding of their congregation on Saturday, August 15 with a special Mass at 9 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Peter, 416 N. 14th Street, Kansas City, Kansas.

A reception will follow in the parish hall. Catholics who visit the Shrine to St. Maria Soledad, foundress of the Servants of Mary, at the Cathedral, and meet other required conditions can obtain a plenary indulgence during the Jubilee Year granted by Pope Leo XIV. For more information, call 913-371-3423

# Let's keep on rolling!

Ladies and gentlemen  
**Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup>**,  
is Sarma making day for  
**St John's festival dinner.**

We gather after the 8:00am mass  
in the school library,  
behind the auditorium  
stage/kitchen area.

We suggest you bring  
your paring knives  
and aprons.

Questions to  
**Teresa Kovac**  
cell 913-401-9346

## 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**



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





# 2026 Croatian Festival

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church  
on Historic Strawberry Hill  
Aug. 1-2 Newsletter



*Join us! Saturday, August 15, 2026  
Following 4 p.m. Mass, 708 N. Barnett, KCK*

## Strawberry Basket

Our Strawberry Basket has so many items, we cannot fit it into basket. Instead, it fills a dining room table and two chairs.

Are you ready - we estimate the value to be approximately \$1,500!!

Please note the strawberry-themed Coach bag and wallet. In addition to what you can see, there will also be an apple strudel, a povitica, a festival T-shirt and a 125th Anniversary Book.

Tickets are \$3 each, or 4 for \$10 - and are available through our secure online credit card service. You may also purchase them at the festival for cash (hint:



bring some address labels for easier entering!)

The winner will be announced at the dance but does not need to be present.

We get a lot of questions about why there is only one prize with SO VERY MUCH stuff.

When we did three baskets, honestly, we did not make enough money to cover everything in the baskets. Yes, the items are donated, but this is a fundraiser!

Last year, we made \$1,713 on the tickets.

For everyone who kindly donated items for this worthy cause, please accept our hearty thank you. Whether you made something or bought it because it was

just too cute, we appreciate your contribution.

## Speaking of strawberrries.....

Visit our Strawberry Boutique to find your summer souvenir. Find just the thing to celebrate with strawberries and Croatia!

You can find festival T-shirts and other logo items, earrings, a Croatia patch or flag pin, or a little strawberry item that you did not know you needed!

If you missed our 125th Anniversary Book, do not fear, you have a second chance!

This booth has a credit card reader, so shop to your heart's content (for a good cause.)

## T-shirts are ready for pick up!

Festival T-shirts are now available for pick up at the rectory. You can purchase shirts or pick up your pre-order there.

If you live near 67th and Pflumm, contact us at [kckcroatianfestival.com](http://kckcroatianfestival.com) to arrange purchase or pick up there!

Show your Strawberry Hill Pride!



# A Note of Thanks

OK. I thought we were done with the thank yous, but really, there are so many people involved in the festival!

A bouquet of thanks goes to Bernadette Horvat, Babs Guengerich & Theresa Jaksetic!

The trio have been busy in the rectory helping with the festival orders. They folded hundreds of T-shirts and readied the orders, and wrote out the information on your online money and Strawberry basket online entries.

A round of applause, please, for St. John's Altar Society. They donate the supplies for our delicious apple strudels and poviticas. The members help make the goodies and then they volunteer at the booths on festival night. Thanks Kelly Moutray, Sarah Soptic, Theresa Jaksetic, Patrice Sostarich and the Altar Society.

We appreciate the St. John's Seniors for their long-time service to the festival. For many years, they sponsored the sarma dinner and

supplied the volunteers. We extend a debt of gratitude to the Seniors for their continued support of this wonderful event.

Raise a glass to St. John's Catholic Club for the many ways they support the festival. From planning and purchasing to set-up and clean up, the guys are always available to lend a hand. (And throw epic soccer watch parties!)

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Club are also at the ready for whatever is needed.

These organizations are the backbone of St. John the Baptist and carry on our Croatian tradition. Without the participation of their members, there would be no festival!

Our sincere appreciation goes to Tony Subasic and his soccer team. For several years now, Tony and the young men from Ward High School have provided the manpower for festival set-up. Thanks, guys, for your wonderful help!!

## Festival Update

Our pre-festival activities have been awesome. All of us are shaking our heads over the generosity of our many wonderful supporters.



### Sponsorships

The sponsorships have generated a whopping \$69,060!

It is the total of what we received last year (\$58,000) and our very first sponsorship year (\$11,000).

Yes, St. John's is a small parish - around 200 people. But the Croatian children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren have never stopped honoring our ancestors with

their financial and volunteer support.

We are overwhelmed. Thank you is so simple, but how else can we express the feelings that swell our hearts?

### 50/50 Raffles

Keep those entries coming - so far, there are 144.

For the Maxi raffle, we have 81 and need another 19 to ensure the prize money reaches \$5,000.

There are 63 Mini Raffle tickets. That means one prize of \$2,500 plus a second winner will also be drawn to split the remaining portion of the entry money.

Our goal is 200-plus. The more entries, the bigger the winnings for all.

### Beer Keg Sponsors

New this year! The keg sponsors have made contributions of \$1,775 to offset the costs of beer purchases. We are grateful because this will help us keep prices stable but still make money.





## 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 Fields**

Kathryn A. Lastelic Zunick

Anonymous

The Taylor Families

Phil & Patrice Sostarich

### **Strawberry Hill**

Chris Horn & Family

### **Strawberry Patch**

In Memory of Joseph & Catherine Podrebarac

In Memory of Joseph N. Modrcin

In Memory of Chris Braun & Bob Braun Sr.

In Memory of Helen Kolich Wells

In Memory of Nick Kucenic

Barbara Zurga & the St. Denis Family

David & Sophie Kovac

Kathy Dumovich Kovac

Marie Kolich

Skradski & Sambol Families

Marty Yadrack

Mike & Karen Svetlic

Jerry Cindric

### **Strawberry Plant**

John & Beckie Mikesic - Sarah & Briar Wilhelm

Charles & Mary Ann Trzok-Laundy

In Memory of Pete, Dorothy & Pat Novosel

St. John the Baptist Altar Society

The Kovac & Krupich Families

Hal & Andrea Skradski Thomas

The Kladusan & Heshner Families

John & Veronica Gasparovich

Walter & Mary Rendulic

St. John's Seniors

Loren & Kathy Lally Bareiss

Paul Trankino

The Lally Family

Bob Janesko

Christine Allen

The Tomasic Family

Frank & Ana Piskuric

St. John's Catholic Club



### **Strawberry Shortcake**

The Boan & Kovac Families

Ivana Morris & Dave Martin

Rick & Susan (Zunick) Robards

In Memory of Rita Rodina & Sam Stice

The Tim & Cindy Cavlovic Family

In Memory of John Ivan Podrebarac

In Memory of Mary Ann Schneider

Jack Gorman & Kyle Peppers

John F. Mikesic Family

The (Stimac) Juresic Family

Mike & Annie Kucenic

Patti Kratofil Hill

Anita Gasparovic

Anonymous

### **Strawberry Preserves**

In Memory of Carol & Otto Kaifes  
In Memory of Ike & Kata Modrcin  
Courtney Mikesic & Dave Mikesic  
In Memory of Joseph Rahija  
Malnar & Urkevich Families  
Michael & Maegan Thomas  
Joe Jerome & Janet Kolich  
Pam & Ted Rusovick  
Catherine Delich  
Mike & Linda Aleksaites  
R. & A. Nastav Family  
In Memory of Kristina & Joseph Horvat  
Ron & Linda Verbeck  
In Memory of Barbara Palcher  
In Memory of George, Tate & Ainsley Brajkovic  
Frank & Ljubica Kozar  
The Frank & Josie Anzek Family  
The Yarnevich Family  
Edward Jones - Matt Winterhalter  
The Eugene Sostarich Family  
The Roper Family  
Mary E. Hoytal  
In Memory of George & Kate Yuratovich  
Bernadette & Mark Tomasic

### **Strawberry Seed**

|                         |                   |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| CJ & Mallory Krug       | Anonymous         |
| Bernadette Acinger West | Mary Gasparovic   |
| Ann & Matt Modrcin      | The Gurski Family |
| Daniel Cindrich         |                   |

### **Strawberry Pie**

In Memory of Willie & Barbara Jaksetic  
The Stimac, Koch & Hughes Families