



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 16, 2026

Matthew 15:21-28

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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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

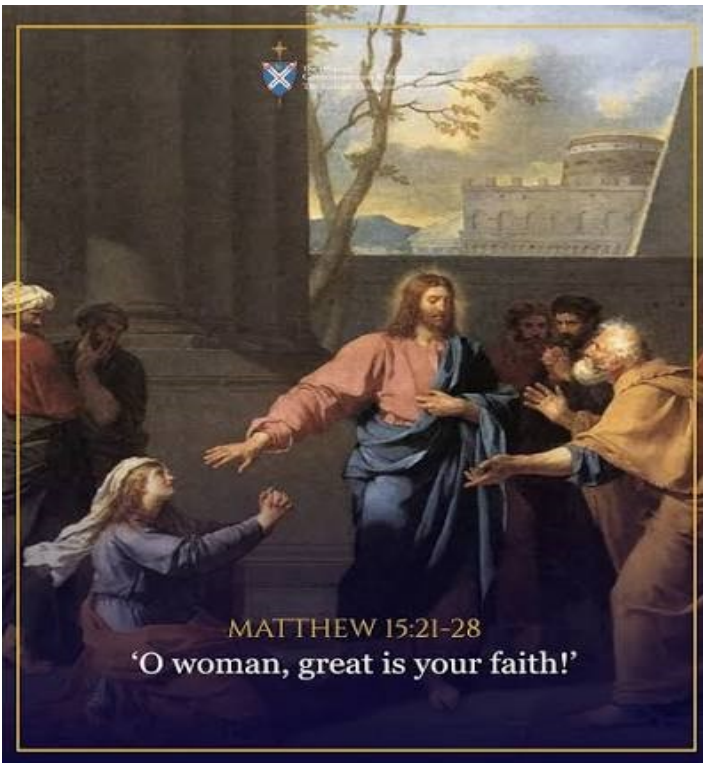
This past week was a relatively quiet week which was good as it allowed me to get caught up on a lot of stuff. The only big addition to the week was the meeting of all the priests in the deanery. It was great to be together again as we had not met in June or July. We are very blessed to have several new priests in the deanery and look forward to working with them in the months and the years to come.

One of the topics at our meeting was regarding parish evangelization services. In the restructuring of the chancery that took place last year several offices were combined into the new office called Parish Evangelization Services and we were delighted to hear from the team of this office how they can assist us in the parishes so that we can more effectively carry out the mission entrusted to us by the Lord.

As I said at the beginning this week was on the quiet side, however, several requests and obligations began to fill my calendar for the weeks and months ahead. One of those things was I received the schedule for the pastoral work that the priests will offer for Resurrection Catholic School. I look forward to being with the school to once again hear confessions celebrate mass, and visit with the students and staff. Please join me in saying a prayer for a successful year of growing in faith and learning for all of our students at Resurrection Catholic School.



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



MATTHEW 15:21-28

'O woman, great is your faith!'

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, August 16-

9am- Kathy Suljak
Nick & Joe Fabina
Miho & Milka Car
Cecilia Baker

Thursday, August 20-

8am- Mildred Vogelsang
Mary Jean Podrebarac

Saturday, August 22-

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

Sunday, August 23-

9am- John F. Mikesic
Janko Hlade & Family
Mike Zeljeznjak
Sofia Kovacic

LITURGICAL MINISTRY -AUGUST

August 15-16 2026-

Lectors: M. Viskovic, S. Glenn ; M. Garcia
Eucharistic Ministers: W. Stimac ; P. Mikesic
Blessed Cup: none ; G. Garcia, W. Stimac
Servers: none ; A. Garcia
Sacristans: A. Nastav, R. Nastav ; B. Horvat

August 22-23 2026-

Lectors: J. Alvey ; S. Glenn, M. Viskovic
Eucharistic Ministers: M. Garcia ; R. Sambol
Blessed Cup: none ; G. Garcia, N. Gasparovic
Servers: none ; M. Garcia
Sacristans: B. Horvat, C. Kolich ; M. Garcia, G. Garcia

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

	<u>Sat.08/08/26</u>	<u>Sun.08/09/26</u>
Envelopes:	680.00	3264.50
Loose:	153.00	98.00
Building Fund:	30.00	118.00
Candles:	76.15	154.51
Poor Box:		12.25
Mass Intentions:	120.00	
Leaven:		27.00
Assumption:		70.00
Donations:		20.00
Food Kitchen:		100.00
In Memory Of:		
Catherine Chontos		25.00
Mary Jean Podrebarac		135.00



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.

(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

St. Bernadette's Circle

Members of the circle are invited to come to the meeting on **Tuesday August 18th at 6 pm** in the of the home 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 mygar-cia@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.





Faith *Persists*



Faith persists, even when the answer isn't immediate. In today's Gospel, the Canaanite woman's trust and humility remind us to keep bringing our needs to God with confidence in His mercy.

Eighteenth Annual
SLOVENEFEEST 2026

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Celebrating over 118 years of Slovenian heritage on Strawberry Hill

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH

274 Orchard Street, Kansas City, Kansas 66101

HOLY MASS: 4:00 p.m. FESTIVITIES: 5-10:00 p.m.

**Festivities at Msgr. Mejak Hall, Gym, & School Grounds
513 Ohio, KCK**

- **TRADITIONAL SLOVENIAN DINNER**
- **MINI SILENT AUCTION**
- **MEGA MONEY RAFFLE**
- **CHILDREN & ADULT GAMES**
- **CULTURAL BOOTH & SOUVENIRS**

MUSIC & DANCING FEATURING:

The Brian McCarty Band & Hrvatski Običaj

For more information, visit our website at www.holyfamilychurchkck.org,
find us on Facebook or contact the church office at 913-413-0022.
All proceeds to benefit Holy Family Church.



**Our neighbors at Strawberry Hill Brewery
are brewing Lepa Si Lager - a refreshing
beer made with hops from Slovenia**



SPONSORSHIP FORM

Holy Family Church, 274 Orchard Street, Kansas City, KS 66101

We are proud to announce the 18th Annual Slovenefest on Saturday, September 26, 2026. The event begins with 4:00 p.m. Mass with festivities followed afterwards at the school grounds and Mejak Hall. Music provided by the Brian McCarty Band and Hrvatski Običaj. This year marks 118 years of Slovenians gathering to celebrate their faith in our community.

In celebration of our Slovenian roots, we symbolically ring the church bell which carries the message (translated from the Slovenian) "St. Joseph, pray for us. Sloveni, use your time well" and call home our former parishioners, their descendants, sons and daughters of the parish, former students of Holy Family School, acquaintances and friends of Holy Family Church back to celebrate 118 years as a parish community.

As we celebrate the 101st anniversary of our current church building, there is always ongoing maintenance in a building so old—plumbing, HVAC systems, sound system, organ, roofing repairs, painting, etc. While Slovenefest is our major fundraiser of the year, your support is vital. We look forward to seeing you at Slovenefest 2026! Sponsors names will appear on our Sponsorship Banner!

YES! I want to help preserve Holy Family Catholic Church and our Slovenian legacy.

Circle One

\$50 - Sponsorship	\$1,000 - Sponsorship
\$100 - Sponsorship	\$ 2,500 - Sponsorship
\$250 - Sponsorship	\$ 5,000 - Sponsorship
\$500 - Sponsorship	_____ - Other Amount

DONATION IN MEMORY OF:

Your Name: _____

Address/City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

You may drop this form in our weekly Mass collection with your check or mail it to:

**Holy Family Church, 515 Ohio Ave., Kansas City, KS 66101
If you have any questions, please call our parish office at 913-413-0022.**



MEGA MONEY RAFFLE!

Our 18th annual parish Slovenefest will be held on Saturday, September 26, 2026. The event will begin with Holy Mass at 4pm at the church with festivities from 5pm-9pm at Monsignor Mejak Hall, Gym, & School Grounds, 513 Ohio Ave., Kansas City, Kansas. This annual event is an important part of the financial stability of Holy Family parish. In the past, a large portion of the proceeds came from the Mega Raffle.

It is our goal to sell 250 Mega Raffle tickets at \$100 each. Winners will be drawn at Slovenefest at 8:30 pm. You need not be present to win. All proceeds from the raffle will benefit Holy Family Church.

COUNT ME IN: Enclosed is my donation per ticket.

Name/Address/Phone #:

White Mega Raffle Ticket - \$100 each

Please complete & mail this form with your check made payable to: Holy Family Church, 515 Ohio Ave., Kansas City, KS 66101 or drop this form in the collection basket at our weekend Masses.