



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 23, 2026

Matthew 16:13-20

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 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

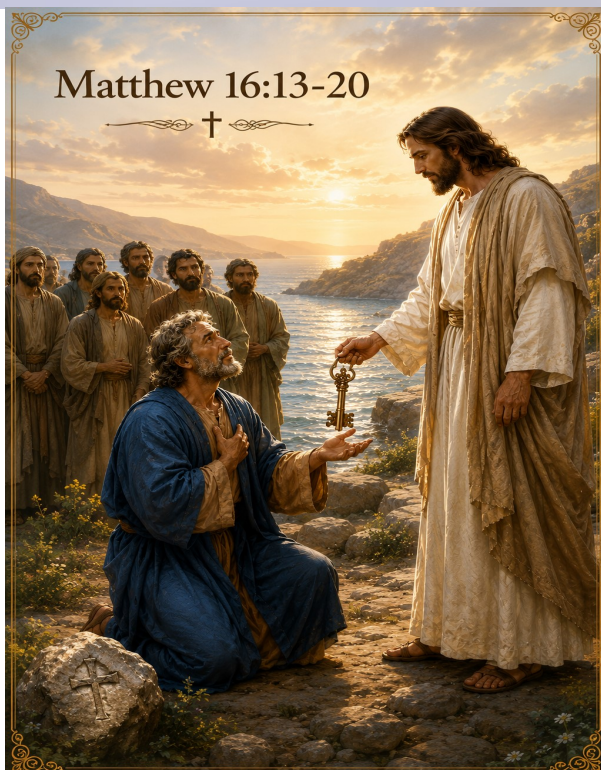
Keeping In Touch

This past week I had something very interesting coming up. I was asked to consult with UMKC on a musical that they are working on. The reason for being consulted was because in the musical there is an interfaith moment of prayer and so a representative from the Jewish community, Islamic community, and myself from the Catholic community were invited to speak to the performers and to answer their questions. It was a wonderful experience.

In addition to the fact of sharing about the Catholic faith, I actually had the privilege and ability to share about some cultural elements for the musical. The musical is called, "Come From Away." This musical is about an experience during 9/11. You may recall hearing that during the event of 9/11 planes were diverted. One such plane ended up having to land in Gander, Newfoundland. This is a very small community on the Island of Newfoundland. The community rallied together to welcome and support all the people that were stranded on the plane. The impact on the community and for the individuals on the plane not only made news, but has been made into this famous musical. Being from the neighboring province in Canada, I know the people and the culture very well and was delighted to be able to share insights into our way of life. I look forward seeing the production again and ensure that the performers that I worked with will do a great job.



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



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, August 23-

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

Thursday, August 27-

8am-

Saturday, August 29-

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

Sunday, August 30-

9am- Katica Jadric
Krupich Family
Michael & Kathy Tomas
Loretta Rhule

LITURGICAL MINISTRY -AUGUST

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

August, 29-30 2026-

Lectors: G. Garcia ; M. Viskovic, P. Mikesic
Eucharistic Ministers: M. Garcia ; A. Kucenic
Blessed Cup: none ; I. Dordevic, W. Stimac
Servers: A. Garcia, M. Garcia ; I. Dordevic
Sacristans: M. Foster, J. Foster ; P. Mikesic, P. Hill

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

	<u>Sat.08/15/26</u>	<u>Sun.08/16/26</u>
Envelopes:	1220.00	3264.50
Loose:	1425.60	74.00
Building Fund:	0.00	0.00
Candles:	129.75	68.50
Poor Box:		10.00
Assumption:	473.00	55.00
Donations:		80.00
Mass Intentions:		190.00
In Memory Of:		
Mary Jean Podrebarac		155.00



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

Coffee and Donut Sunday

The event will be hosted by the **Altar Society** on **Sunday September 6th**, Please come and join the parish for fellowship and updates from other parish-ioners. 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.

END OF SUMMER SOCIAL WITH THE SISTERS!

Saturday, September 12, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. All are welcome to join the **Sisters, Servants of Mary, Ministers to the Sick** for hotdogs, ice cream & soda on the backyard patio at the Convent. Free will donation. 800 N. 18th St., Kansas City, KS 66102.

****WINNERS WILL BE IN NEXT WEEKS BULLETINS ONCE ALL HAVE BEEN REACHED! THANK YOU****





In Memoriam

Sep. 1, 1931 — Aug. 17, 2026

Francis (Frank) Jaksa, age 94, passed away on Monday, August 17 at the home. Frank is survived by his wife of 71 years, Elizabeth, and their children: Mary Frances, Frank Jr (Mariann), John, Patty

Brundage (Thomas), Donald, Dan (Tamara), and William (Mary Kay); his five Grandchildren: Frank III (Allison), Katie Sheffler (C.J.), Matthew (Katy), and Payton and Luka Jaksa; three Great Grandchildren: Joseph, Julia, and Jacob Jaksa; two sisters: Rosalie Podrebarac and Joan Jaksa, and brother, Matt Jaksa. He was preceded in death by his son Nicholas, his parents Matt and Katherine Jaksa, and three siblings.

"In lieu of flowers the family requests Contributions may be made to the St John's the Baptist Catholic Church Building Fund"

A Christian Burial Mass will be held on *Wednesday, August 26, 2026* at **St. John the Baptist Catholic Church** located at 708 N 4th St, Kansas City, KS 66101. Visitation will be held from *9:00am - 10:00 am*, followed by a Rosary to be prayed at *10:00am*. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at *10:30 am*. Following Mass the family has requested a private burial at the cemetery.



In Memoriam

June 24, 1942 - Aug. 4, 2026

Bozica (Kresic) Bartulica, aged 84, passed away on August 4, 2026, in Zagreb, Croatia after a brief illness. Born on June 24, 1942, in the village of Hutovo, in the region of Herzegovina of

present-day Bosnia and Herzegovina, she was known for her deep Catholic faith, coupled with a missionary spirit that guided her life and work. She is survived by her husband Nicholas and her children: sons Stephen (Zeljka), Nick (Kimberly), and Fr. Matthew; daughter, Nina; her loving grandchildren, Nikola, Ante, Charlie, Frane, Peter, Maggie, Ivan, Jude, and Elizabeth. She is preceded in death by her parents, three brothers and one sister, and her greatly missed son Fr. Angelo. The family will receive friends from *5-730 pm Monday* at **Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church**, follow by a Rosary to be prayed at *7:30 PM Monday, August 24, 2026* at **Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church**, St. Joseph, MO. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at *10:00 AM Tuesday August 25, 2026* at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. The Interment will be at **Mount Olivet Cemetery in Saint Joseph, Missouri**. The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Friends of Medjugorje at 511 Southwood Lane, St. Joseph, MO 64506, to help continue the work that she had started. Donations may also be made to Benedictines of Mary in Gower, MO and the Pregnancy Resource Center in St. Joseph, MO. online condolence, obituary and public livestream @ www.ruppfuneral.com

Rosary
For Immigrants

"The Church knows that in every rejected migrant, it is Christ Himself who knocks at the door of the community." Pope Leo XIV

Welcome-Protect-Promote-Integrate

We pray that we can recognize the God-given dignity in each of our migrant neighbors and act accordingly to promote justice for them and everyone in our community.

Upcoming Rosary Dates:

- 7/22
- 8/26
- 9/23
- 10/21
- 11/18
- 12/16

12:00 PM at
Washington Square Park
across from the Immigration Court
2345 Grand Blvd, Kansas City, MO

www.kansasdiocese.org/rosary-for-immigrants



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.