



# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

## 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 30, 2026

Matthew 16:21-27

### 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 Holy Family In September)

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

### Keeping In Touch

This week has been a big week. On Thursday we had the Feast of Saint Monica and on Friday the Feast of Saint Augustine. As is our tradition, on the Feast of Saint Monica we go to Topeka to celebrate with the Augustinian sisters and the Third Order at Our Lady of Guadalupe parish. It is always a great event and it is good to be together to celebrate our Augustinian charism.

On Friday, the Feast of Saint Augustine, Fr. Peter and I celebrated with the priests of our deanery. We had prayer together, social time, and a meal. It is always good, as you heard me say before, to be with other priests. This was a real special time because Fr. Peter and I got to share with them our Augustinian charism.

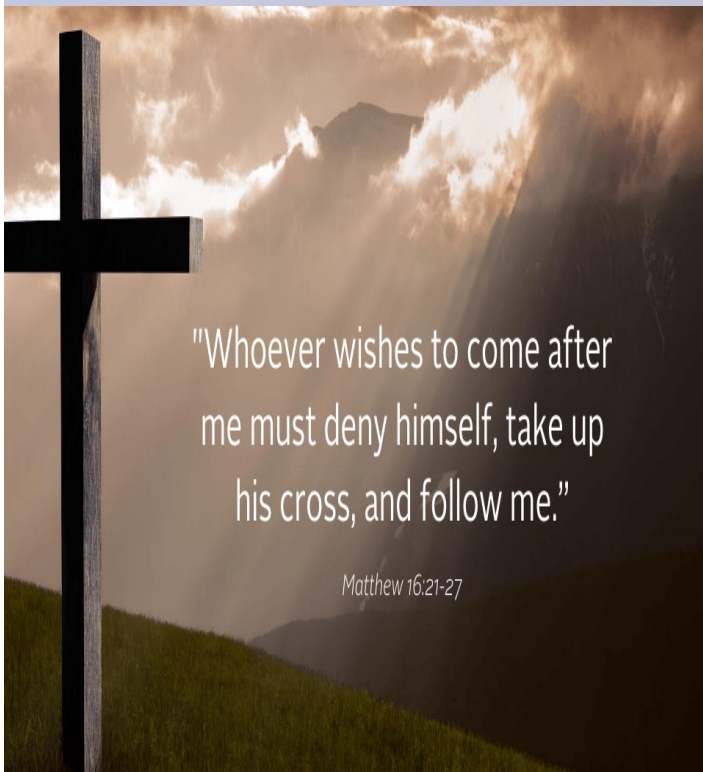
As you heard me say before, our Holy Father Augustine, community life was not only important, but essential and that it is in the community that we find God. I am grateful as we remember our Holy Father Augustine, for my community life, and for all of you the communities of the parishes I serve. As we continue on this journey together may we continue to find God together.

Let me close this week with a quote from our Holy Father, Augustine, one that you have heard me say before that bears repetition again.

*"To search for God is the greatest adventure.  
To love God is the greatest human romance.  
To find God is the greatest human achievement."*



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



"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

Matthew 16:21-27

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday, August 30-**

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

**Thursday, September 3-**

**8am-** Mickey & Michael Yarnevich  
Mirko Vardijan  
Frank Jaksa Sr.

**Saturday, September 5-**

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

**Sunday, September 6-**

**9am-** Mike Skrljac  
Ann Livojevic & Mary Marsel  
Louise Birt & Milka's Family  
Peter & Dorothy Sutulovic

## LITURGICAL MINISTRY -AUG. & SEPT.

**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

**September 6, 2026-**

**Lectors:** M. Viskovic , G. Garcia  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** N. Gasparovic  
**Blessed Cup:** W. Stimac, M. Garcia  
**Servers:** A. Garcia, M. Garcia  
**Sacristans:** H. Rebeck, W. Stimac

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

|                         | <u>Sat.08/22/26</u> | <u>Sun.08/23/26</u> |
|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Envelopes:</b>       | 1430.00             | 2333.50             |
| <b>Loose:</b>           | 81.20               | 122.00              |
| <b>Building Fund:</b>   | 100.00              | 120.00              |
| <b>Candles:</b>         | 13.00               | 78.08               |
| <b>Poor Box:</b>        |                     | 4.30                |
| <b>Assumption:</b>      | 75.00               | 15.00               |
| <b>Donations:</b>       |                     | 200.00              |
| <b>Mass Intentions:</b> |                     | 20.00               |
| <b>In Memory Of:</b>    |                     |                     |
| Mirko Vardijan          |                     | 30.00               |
| Vince Pemberton         |                     | 50.00               |



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, Phyllis Hampton, 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.

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

Members of the circle are invited to come to the meeting on **Tuesday September 8th at 6 pm** at the home of the hostess. Not a member, but want to become a member? Call the office for more information 913-371-0627.

### **Monthly Senior Luncheon**

Senior meeting lunch will be served! Bring a friend and come join us for fellowship, with bingo and prizes on **Wednesday September 9th** starting at 11 am in the church basement.

### **Food Kitchen**

Food Kitchen date is for **Monday September 14th 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.

### **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.



# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS!

## 2026 Croatian Festival

St. John the Baptist Croatian Catholic Church • August 15, 2026

### ❖ SPECIAL RAFFLES

Maxi \$5,000 — Shirley Verbon  
Mini \$2,500 — Bill Kovach  
\$1,250 — Steve & Stacey Fracol  
Strawberry Basket — Ljubica Kozar

### † MONEY RAFFLE

1st \$500 — Courtney Ludwig  
2nd \$250 — Donna Dolinar Stalker  
3rd \$100 — Catherine Delich  
4th \$75 — Phyllis Hampton  
5th \$50 — Juanita Swallers  
6th \$30 — Cynthia Clark

*Thank you to everyone for your support and participation to our parish!*  
Grateful for volunteers, sponsors, community.



### 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](mailto: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.



## *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](http://www.holyfamilychurchkck.org), find us on Facebook or contact the church office at 913-413-0022.

All proceeds to benefit Holy Family Church.





## National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children

On Saturday, September 12, pro-life Americans throughout the country will gather at memorial sites to honor aborted babies for the 14th annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children.

Solemn vigils will be held at these sites to commemorate the more than 65 million children who have lost their lives to legal abortion since 1973, and to remind our society of the humanity of the unborn child.

Please join us for the memorial service in our community.

Together let us remember the victims of abortion and pray for a final end to this injustice in our country.

### Memorial Service for Victims of Abortion

#### *Date & Time:*

Saturday, September 12  
11:00 am

#### *Location:*

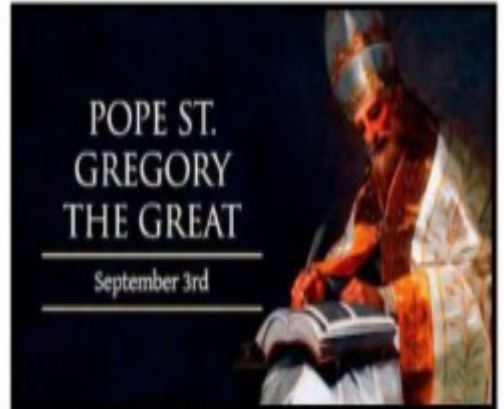
Gate of Heaven Catholic Cemetery  
126th St. and Parallel Parkway, Kansas  
City, KS (Starting in the Chapel)

#### *Local Contact:*

Tina Jinkens at 785-815-8373

### Pope Leo XIV Calls Faithful to Observe World Day of Prayer for Creation

September 1



Feast Day - Sept. 5th

**ST. TERESA  
OF CALCUTTA**



*LET us always meet each other  
with a smile, for the smile is  
the beginning of love.*

You are  
invited to ...

## Love's Reply

Discernment Retreat  
for Young Women

Juniors in high school up to age 29

Prairie Star Ranch  
Williamsburg, KS  
November 14-15, 2026



Scan the code or email the Vocation Office  
at [vocation@archkso.org](mailto:vocation@archkso.org)  
for more information.