



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 9, 2026

Matthew 14:22-33

Parish Office:

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Hours: Mon-Thu 8:30am-5pm Fri 8:30am- 4

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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

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Prayer Line (913) 281-4448

Matthew 14:22-33

TRUST HIM.
HE IS WITH YOU.

Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray.

During the fourth watch of the night, he went out to them, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear. But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."

"Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." "Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus.

But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?" And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Keeping In Touch

I arrived home safe and sound on Monday night. While it was great to see my mother and other family members, it was great to sleep in my own bed. Unfortunately that was short lived. I spent Tuesday in the office and then unpacking and packing. Yes ... On Wednesday I was on the road heading for La Crosse, WI for a canon law conference. The meetings were great and timely. On Friday after the last session I headed home. So my first week back has been good but busy. Looking forward to seeing you this weekend!



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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, August 9-

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

Thursday, August 13-

8am- Kate & Ike Modrcin
Mary Jean Podrebarac

Saturday, August 15-

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

Sunday, August 16-

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

LITURGICAL MINISTRY -AUGUST

August 8-9, 2026-

Lectors: M. Grisnik ; 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

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

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

	<u>Sun.08/01/26</u>	<u>Sun.08/02/26</u>
Envelopes:	1735.00	3739.60
Loose:	124.00	62.00
Building Fund:	1415.00	215.00
Candles:	81.00	120.75
Poor Box:		11.00
Mass Intentions:	10.00	
Leaven:	27.00	27.00
Peter's Pence:	5.00	
Assumption:	20.00	
Donations:		55.00



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.

Upcoming Events

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** 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.

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parishioners, let us pray for all students, teachers, administrators, and families in our community, as they prepare for a new school year!



May God grant wisdom to those who teach, curiosity to those who learn, patience to parents, and safety to all who enter the classroom. May this school year be filled with growth, friendship, and opportunities to encounter God's love.

*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart."
(Proverbs 3:5)*



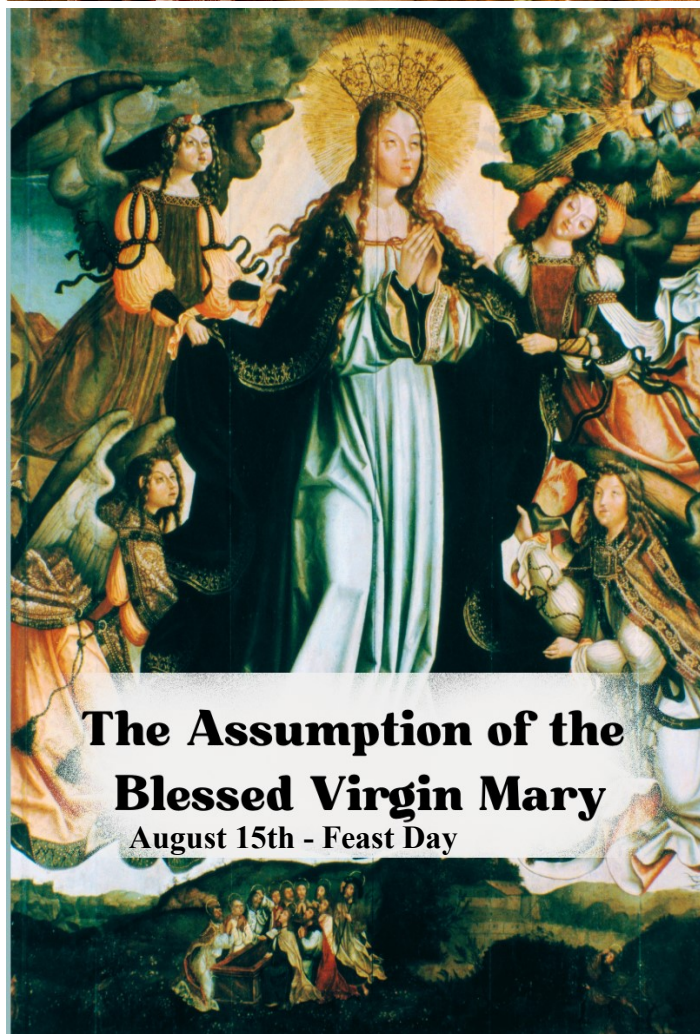
Sarma Rolling!

Ladies and gentlemen
Thursday, August 13th,
 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



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

August 15th - Feast Day



Join the **Servants of Mary, Ministers to the Sick,**
 as they celebrate the
175th Anniversary of their congregation!

Saturday, August 15th 9 a.m. Mass
Cathedral of St. Peter the Apostle,
 416 N. 14th St., Kansas City, KS

All are invited to this special anniversary Mass,
 followed by a reception in the parish hall. During
 the Jubilee Year, Catholics who visit the Shrine to
St. Maria Soledad, foundress of the Servants of
 Mary, and fulfill the required conditions may obtain
 a plenary indulgence granted by **Pope Leo XIV.**

Eighteenth Annual
SLOVENEFFEST 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.






2026 Croatian Festival

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
on Historic Strawberry Hill

Aug. 7-8 Newsletter

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

It will be here next week!!

The Festival Team and an army of helpers are now finalizing the remaining details.

In a week, the church grounds will be buzzing with people. There will be a lovely scent of childhood memories - Sunday sarma with our grandparents and a summer grilling.

Our ears will fill with tamburitza music and songs we knew many yesterdays ago. Wheels will spin and the number boards will turn coins into a gutter with a satisfying plink.

Who remembers running around with friends and a pocketful of dimes for the games? Enjoy!

Kielbasa Sandwiches

Sounds like many people are fans of the Sausage (Kielbasa) Sandwiches. Never fear, they will be available at The Grill, just outside St. John's Club. The cost is \$6.

2-Liter Pop

We loved the cold sodie-pop from Grandma's fridge and the mom-and-pop grocery shops on Strawberry Hill. Vess Cola, anyone?

And our kiddos are no different! Check those grocery ads for sales on 2-Liter pop and buy one or two. The little ones thank you.

Sarma Dinners

Pre-orders (by paper form or online) for the sarma dinners end on Thursday, August 13. This allows us to get the list ready so everyone who ordered in advance can just check in.

You can buy tickets on festival day at the ticket booth located outside the auditorium. Cash is faster; credit cards will be accepted.

kckcroatianfestival@gmail.com, or
Kathy at 480-926-8715

A Note of Thanks

We are fortunate to have many loyal volunteers who stand behind the booths and stay in the kitchen, no matter how hot it is.

Let us toast Pete Novosel, who has been "captain" of the salami booth workers since 1987, or 39 years. Thanks, Pete, we appreciate you taking the helm.

And there are some familiar faces who have recently retired from festival work. Our senior parishioners, now in their 80s and 90s, were the "ice cream social committee" that ran things for so many years. We give a nod to the ladies and gentlemen who showed us the way.

Our appreciation goes to our loyal community of volunteers who help make the Croatian Festival so successful!

Festival Update

Sponsorships

This week, the amount of sponsorships have risen to \$70,260. You humble us with your generosity. Thank you.

Quick reminder - The sponsorship banners go to the printer on Monday, Aug. 10, for anyone who plans a donation.

Sarma-making

On Thursday after 8 a.m. Mass, we will be making the sarmas. We would love to have you join us in the library!

50/50 Raffle

You may purchase your Mini or Maxi Raffle at the festival by credit card at the Ticket Booth or the Strawberry Boutique.



2026 Support St. John's Sponsorships

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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

St. John's Catholic Club

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 Estate

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

In Memory of John & Mary Relic

In Memory of Frank & Ana Piskuric

The Tokic Family

Loren & Kathy Lally Bareiss

The Lally Family

Bob Janesko

Christine Allen

The Tomasic Family

St. John's Seniors



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 (2)

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
Claudia Gibson
Suzanne & Tom Ladek
Frank & Nancy Vardijan
The Oyler Family

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