



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 20, 2026

Matthew 20:1-16a

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

Email: 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

Prayer Line (913) 281-4448

Keeping In Touch

My time at the monastery, as always, was wonderful. It was great to see the monks again and to be of service to them.

On Tuesday I returned to Kansas City in time for a deanery meeting . This meeting was one of the meetings where all the deaneries of the Archdiocese were meeting at the same time. The Archbishop addressed us via Zoom and we had time amongst ourselves to listen to one another as we seek to discern a pastoral plan for our deanery.

As we enter into this process of discerning a pastoral plan for our deanery, we will be engaging all those who desire to offer their insights. In November, each parish will be having a listening session (more on this will follow at another time). From those listening sessions we will have a survey and then move to concretely put together a plan to be implemented.

We are in exciting times as we listen to see where God is leading us. In my life and experience whenever I seek to respond the invitations of the Lord, I always find surprises! As we enter in this time of discernment together, let us be open to the ways into which God will surprise us and let us continue together to follow Him.



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



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, September 20-

9am- John F. Mikesic
Katherine Schwab
Franjo & Zdenka Cavlovic
Family of Nikola & Jadranka Gojmerac

Thursday, September 24-

8am- Lucas Family
Zvonko Krstulic
Robert Persin
Ljubica Gunja

Saturday, September 26-

4pm- Mass at Holy Family
People of the Parishes

Sunday, September 27-

9am- Family Suljak
Mirica Black & Kathy Suljak
Nick Kucenic
John "Ivan" Podrebarac

The Mass intentions scheduled for September 17 at 8:00 a.m. have been rescheduled to September 24 at 8:00 a.m. due to a Funeral Mass. Please contact the parish office at (913) 371-0627 with any questions.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY - SEPTEMBER

September 20, 2026-

Lectors: A. Dordevic, Kl. Dordevic
Eucharistic Ministers: M. Tomasic
Blessed Cup: I. Dordevic, M. Garcia
Servers: I. Dordevic, A. Garcia,
Sacristans: S. Sandelich, M. Alvey

September 27, 2026-

Lectors: M. Viskovic, C. Schneider
Eucharistic Ministers: A. Kucenic
Blessed Cup: M. Garcia, G. Garcia
Servers: A. Garcia, M. Garcia
Sacristans: M. Garcia, G. Garcia

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Sun.09/13/2026

Envelopes:	2128.50
Loose:	198.00
Building Fund:	80.00
Candles:	82.00
Poor Box:	15.00
Leaven:	54.00
Mass Intentions:	530.00
Donations:	150.00
Food Kitchen:	200.00



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

18th Annual Slovenefest

Holy Family Church, 274 Orchard St., Kansas City, KS presents its **18th Annual Slovenefest** celebration on *Saturday, September 26, 2026*.

The event begins with 4:00 p.m. Holy Mass and festivities afterwards at Msgr. Mejak Hall, Gym, & School Grounds at 513 Ohio Ave., KCK (Strawberry Hill). Traditional Slovenian Dinner, Food Court, Mini Silent Auction, Mega Money Raffle, Children & Adult Games, Cultural Booth & Souvenirs. Music & Dancing featuring: Hrvatski Obicaj & The Brian McCarty Band. 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



Please submit any bulletin news and events by **Wednesday** to the Parish office by phone 913-371-0627 or email to ourcroatianparish@gmail.com

A Prayer for Hope

Heavenly Father, in the sacrament of Baptism, you have given us the gift of new life. Through your son our Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, you have made us your own.

Help us to recognize the gift of human life as a sign of hope in our world.

Reveal to us the places where your precious gift of life is most in need of protection and strengthen us to defend life in all stages and circumstances, from the child in the womb to the elderly and dying.

Guided by your Holy Spirit, guard us from discouragement and give us the grace to be messengers of hope, filled with confidence that nothing can separate us from your love.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

Sep 23 - Nov 1

40 Days for Life is a community-based campaign with a peaceful approach. It brings awareness to local communities of what the consequences of abortion are; most are surprised to find out that it is right in their own neighborhoods.

The Fall 2026 Campaign begins
Wed, Sep 23 - Sun, Nov 1 | Daily from 7 am -7 pm

Bring your friends, your fellowship groups, your pastors, churches, and families for a season of prayer and fasting on the sidewalk for the unborn

Vigil Location:

On the public sidewalk outside the Center for Women's Health abortion facility at 4840 College Blvd, OP, KS

Sign up at:

40daysforlife.com/en/overlandpark

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 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.



PRAY FOR US!

September 21:

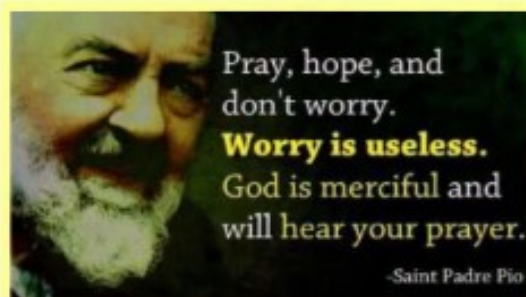
Saint Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

September 23:

Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

September 19:

Saints Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs



Scissors icon

**Strawberry Hill
Altar Societies**

50/50 DRAWING

Winner will be drawn at the
Golf Tournament in October.

Name: _____

Contact: _____

Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25
Thank you for your support!
Need not be present to win.

Decorative strawberry and flower illustration

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**7th Annual
Strawberry Hill Altar Societies**



GOLF TOURNAMENT
Oct 5th 2026
1:00 pm shotgun start.

Sunflower Hill Golf Course

**Dinner, beverages and snacks included.
\$100 per golfer until Sept.25th;
\$125 after the 25th**

**Hole Sponsorships available
\$300, \$200 \$100
Advertise or honor/memorialize a loved one.**

**Carol Shomin, cshomin@everestkc.net or
913.897.4833**

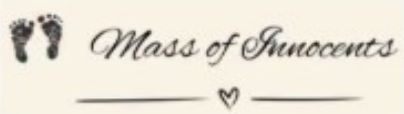


Mass of Innocents – October 11, 2026

All are invited to the annual Mass of Innocents on Sunday, October 11, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 11300 W. 103rd St., Overland Park, KS.

This special Mass honors the lives of children who died before or shortly after birth and offers prayerful support to their parents, grandparents, and loved ones.

Whether or not you have personally experienced such a loss, you are warmly invited to join us in remembering these precious lives and praying for their families. Simultaneous Spanish interpretation will be available. For more information, contact pesad-min@archkck.org.





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The Catholic Lawyers Guild of Kansas City, together with the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas, the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, and the Catholic Foundation of Northeast Kansas, cordially invite members of the legal community, along with their families and friends, to gather in prayer and thanksgiving at the annual

RED MASS



CELEBRATED BY

ARCHBISHOP MCKNIGHT
Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas

BISHOP JOHNSTON
Diocese of Kansas City - St. Joseph



SUNDAY
OCTOBER 4, 2026



MASS AT
2:00 PM
Reception to follow



**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
708 N 4th ST
KANSAS CITY, KS 66101



To register for the Red Mass, scan the QR code or visit www.cfnek.org/events

HOSTED BY THE CROATIAN AMERICAN SOCIAL CLUB

BINGO

QUESTIONS: 816-673-4842

Saturday, October 17th
After 4PM MASS
St. John's Basement

Dinner 5PM
BINGO 6PM

COST \$20 | FOOD | DRINK | BINGO CARD

B I N G O

3	30	39	59	71
2	16	34	46	70
9	20	FREE	50	75
4	21	45	52	68
12	19	31	51	66