



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 27 2026

Matthew 21:28-32

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 St. John the Baptist In October)

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

Keeping in Touch will resume next week,

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



Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people:
"What is your opinion?
A man had two sons.
He came to the first and said,
'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.'
He said in reply, 'I will not,'
but afterwards changed his mind and went.
The man came to the other son and gave the same order.
He said in reply, 'Yes, sir, 'but did not go.
Which of the two did his father's will?"
They answered, "The first."
Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you,
tax collectors and prostitutes
are entering the kingdom of God before you.
When John came to you in the way of righteousness,
you did not believe him;
but tax collectors and prostitutes did.
Yet even when you saw that,
you did not later change your minds and believe him."

-Matthew 21:28-32

**Faith is more
than words**

In this Sunday's Gospel (Matthew 21:28-32), Jesus reminds us that faith is more than words. The son who ultimately did his father's will shows us that what matters most is responding to God's call with action, even after we have fallen short.

May we have the humility to change our hearts and the courage to say "yes" through the way we live each day.

There will be **No Mass** on
October 1st or 2nd due to
Priest Convocation

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, September 27-

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

Thursday, October 1-

8am- No Mass Priest Convocation
Mass Intentions were moved to 10/8

Saturday, October 3-

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

Sunday, October 4-

9am- George & Ainsley Brajkovic
Kata & Stjepan Ivicak
Vince & Georgette Pemberton
Christine Braun

LITURGICAL MINISTRY - SEPT-OCT

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

October 3-4, 2026-

Lectors: J. Alvey ; M. Viskovic, Kl. Dordevic

Eucharistic Ministers: W. Stimac ; A. Kucenic

Blessed Cup: none ; B. Horvat, I. Dordevic

Servers: none ; I. Dordevic

Sacristans: A. Nastav, R. Nastav ;
K. Moutray, B. Horvat

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Sun.09/20/2026

Envelopes:	4329.50
Loose:	183.00
Building Fund:	150.00
Candles:	113.50
Poor Box:	20.00
Mass Intentions:	20.00
Donations:	50.00
Food Kitchen:	15.00
In Memory of:	
(Frank Jaksa Building Fund)	210.00
(Mary Jean Podrebarac)	600.00
(Monica Adcock)	55.00



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 Seniors on **Sunday October 6th**, Please come and join the parish for fellowship and updates from other parishioners. 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.

Food Kitchen

Food Kitchen date is for **Monday October 12th**. 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.

St. Bernadette's Circle

Members of the circle are invited to come to the meeting on **Tuesday October 13th 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 will be on Wednesday **October 14th** starting at 11 am in the church basement. Lunch will be served along with good fellowship and good friends followed by bingo. Don't forget to bring a can or two of food items to be given to those in need

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

Awakened to God: Responding to the Call **Christ's Peace House of Prayer** 22131 Meagher Road - Easton, KS 66020 Friday, *October 16th at 5:30pm - Sunday, October 18th at 4:30pm* This retreat is designed for anyone growing in faith, exploring Christianity, or beginning to respond to God's invitation. Using Peter Kreeft's *Fundamentals of the Faith: Essays in Christian Apologetics* as our guide, participants will reflect on the core truths of the Catholic faith, the life of discipleship, and the ways God calls each of us into deeper relationship with Him. This retreat will help you encounter the Father, understand His invitation, and take steps toward a life rooted in Christ. Whether you are just starting to explore the faith or already sensing God's call, this retreat provides a gentle and welcoming space to listen, reflect, and respond. · Cabins/Courtyard Rooms: \$180 Single / \$270 Couple · Single Guest Rooms: \$110 (All prices include meals) To attend, fill out the Individual Retreat Form at ChristsPeace.com or call 913.773.8255.

Respect Life Month

October 2026

in the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas

October is Respect Life Month. It is a time when the Church asks the faithful to pray and reflect more deeply on the gift of life and the dignity of the human person. This year's theme is "Mary, Mother of Life."

Learn more about this theme, find resources, and see details on the following events that celebrate life and educate on human dignity at: archkck.org/pro-life-respect-life-month



RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY MASS | WITH ARCHBISHOP EMERITUS NAUMANN
Sacred Heart Catholic Church | 5501 Monticello Rd, Shawnee | 10:30 a.m.
Light Reception following Mass



LIFE CHAIN | VISIT KFL.ORG/LIFECCHAINKS FOR TIMES/LOCATIONS
Life Chain is an annual, nationwide, peaceful, prayerful hour of silence on public sidewalks supporting the dignity of and right to life



AFTERMATH MEMORIAL DISPLAY | ALL DAY
Prince of Peace Catholic Church | 16000 W 143rd St., Olathe KS
Visit aftermathks.com to learn more about this moving and educational display



MASS OF THE INNOCENTS | 1:30 PM
Holy Spirit Catholic Church | 11300 W. 103rd St Overland Park
Sponsored by the Parish Evangelization Services Office



CANDLELIGHT HEALING & REMEMBRANCE MASS | 7:00 PM
Queen of the Holy Rosary Church | 7023 W. 71st St., Overland Park
For those affected by pregnancy, infant, and child loss.



PRESENTATION - "A PRO-LIFE CASE FOR A PRO-CHOICE WORLD" | 7:00 PM
Church of the Ascension, Parish Hall, 9510 W. 127th St., Overland Park
A talk by Joe Heschmeyer of Catholic Answers. Q&A to follow.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE FALL CAMPAIGN | 7:00 AM TO 7:00 PM DAILY
Center for Women's Health | 4840 College Blvd. Overland Park | Sep 23 through Nov 1



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For more info
about all events,
scan code



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.



Rosary Rally

Please join us to Honor Our Blessed Mother and Our Lady of Fatima which will be held on **Sunday October 11th from 3:00 pm to 4:15 pm** at Church of Ascension at 9510 W. 127th St. Overland Park, KS. 66213. We will pray the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious mysteries of the Holy Rosary followed by Benediction and the opportunity for attendees to enroll in the Brown Scapular. For driving instructions or future dates for the Kansas City monthly Holy Rosary rallies, please visit www.rosaryrallieskc.org



The Project Rachel monthly Drop-In Group begins **Thursday, November 5, 2026**, and will run every first Thursday of the month. Who: For any woman who has experienced abortion and would like to join others in a supportive environment. Date: *November 5th Time: 6:00 - 7:00pm* Location: KC Metro Area (address given at time of registration) Cost: **Free** To Register please contact Ann Marie at: projectrachelkc@archkck.org or call/text: 913-621-2199



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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.cfnekc.org/events



7TH ANNUAL STRAWBERRY HILL ALTAR SOCIETY'S GOLF TOURNAMENT



OCT. 5, 2026 1:00P.M.
SHOTGUN START
**SUNFLOWER HILLS
GOLF COURSE**

DINNER, BEVERAGES, & SNACKS INCLUDED.
\$100 PER GOLFER UNTIL SEPT. 25.
\$125 PER GOLFER AFTER SEPT. 25.

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CONTACT: CAROL SHOMIN,
CSHOMIN@EVERESTKC.NET OR 913-897-4833.

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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.

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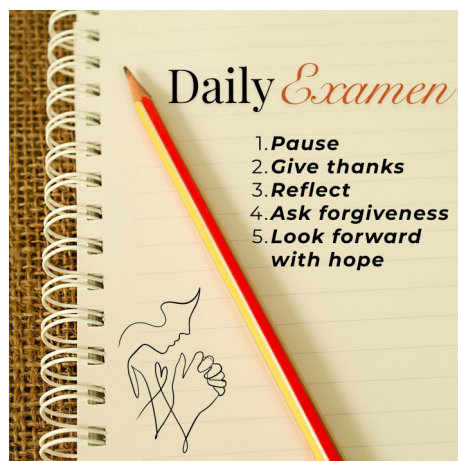
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What if just five minutes of reflection could transform your prayer life?

Have you tried the Daily Examen?

By reflecting on where you experienced God's presence, where you fell short, and where you're being called to grow, the examen helps deepen gratitude, increase self-awareness, and strengthen your relationship with Christ. Small moments of reflection can lead to lasting spiritual growth.



1. **Pause**
2. **Give thanks**
3. **Reflect**
4. **Ask forgiveness**
5. **Look forward with hope**