



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 6, 2026

Matthew 18:15-20

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

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

As you may recall, all the priests of the parishes that feed into Resurrection Catholic School take turns hearing confessions, saying mass, and visiting the school. This was my first week since the beginning of the new school year. It was great to see the children and to visit with them. They were filled with great questions. In fact, as the time of my visit came to a close, I said, I think were out of time and that I could spend all day here answering your questions. It is not only great to spend time with the students, but to spend time with the staff as well. We are very blessed in the staff at Resurrection Catholic School. Please join me in saying a little prayer that this year will be yet another great year for Resurrection Catholic School.

Besides my time at the school this week, the other main addition to my calendar was tasting of beer which was brewed by Strawberry Hill Brewery with Slovenian hops for the Slovenian festival at Holy Family. It was fantastic! I am so pleased with what they did for us. Everyone who was there with me agreed at how wonderful the beer tastes! While you may have thought that all the perks of being a priest were heavenly, every once in awhile we find ourselves getting an earthly one.



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



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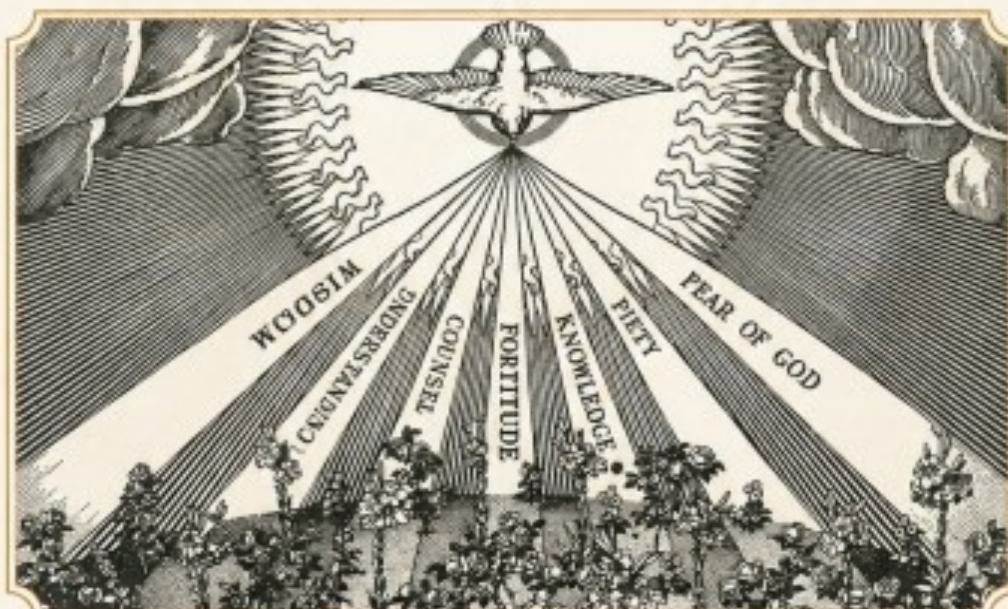


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RED MASS



CELEBRATED BY

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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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, September 6-

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

Thursday, September 10-

8am-

Saturday, September 12-

4pm- Mass at Holy Family
People of the Parishes

Sunday, September 13-

9am- Sestric & Pavlic Family
Marica, Stjepan & Branko Dukovic
Kate & Ike Modrcin
Brother & Sisters of Slavo Ivicak

LITURGICAL MINISTRY - SEPTEMBER

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

September 13, 2026-

Lectors: S. Glenn; M. Viskovic
Eucharistic Ministers: B. Horvat
Blessed Cup: R. Sambol, I. Dordevic
Servers: I. Dordevic
Sacristans: K. Moutray, B. Horvat

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

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

	<u>Sat.08/29/26</u>	<u>Sun.08/30/26</u>
Envelopes:	910.00	1380.50
Loose:	145.00	76.10
Building Fund:	310.00	120.00
Candles:	105.00	35.00
Poor Box:		120.00
Leaven:	27.00	54.00
Donations:		50.00
Mass Intentions:		20.00
Food Kitchen:	20.00	
In Memory Of:		
Frank Jaksa		300.00



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, 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 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.

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.

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 join us to **Honor Our Blessed Mother and Our Lady of Fatima** which will be held on *Sunday September 13th from 3:00 pm to 4:15 pm* at **St. Mary-St. Anthony** at 615 N. 7th St. Kansas City, KS. 66101. 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

Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church

16 S. Iowa St., KCKS 66103
Will joyfully celebrate 150 years of faith, service and community in Kansas City, Kansas. We invite you to join us in this historic celebration on *Saturday, October 17, & Sunday, October 18, 2026*.

The anniversary weekend will feature special masses with honored guests, unique events that honor our legacy and look forward to the future, and entertainment and food in many forms.

RSVP required for *Saturday, October 17th*. Please visit www.holynameparishkck.org and select "150th Anniversary" to RSVP.

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.



MASS, PILGRIMAGE TO SISTERS, SERVANTS CONVENT; OPPORTUNITY TO OBTAIN PLENARY INDULGENCE Following the *10 a.m. Sunday Mass on Sept. 13th* at the **Cathedral of St. Peter** (416 N. 14th St., KCK), the **Sisters, Servants of Mary** invite you to join them in a short pilgrimage walk to their convent. The Jubilee Year event features communal prayer, reflection, and the availability of the Sacrament of Penance—offering an opportunity to fulfill the conditions for a plenary indulgence granted by **Pope Leo XIV**. Come and celebrate three major congregational anniversaries with the Sisters! For more details, call 913-371-3423.

**Of Course You Need a Date !
... We'll Help Get You Started !**



**A DATE FOR
THE BOOKS!**

Date Night

Trinity House
Catholic Books & Gifts

You are invited...

Fri. Sept 18th
6:30pm (Happy Hour @ 6pm)
Trinity House Books
6731 W. 119th St., Overland Park, KS 66209

Date Night is School of Love's beloved recurring event for married (& engaged) couples of all ages.

We start your date with food, drinks, & a short talk on faith, marriage, family...

You finish your date as a couple alone at home or out on the town

www.schoolofloveusa.com/date-night

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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.



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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
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Carol Shomin, cshomin@everestkc.net or
 913.897.4833



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 8:30AM - 3:30PM

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 materials & lunch**

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 Now* →



MUST BE AT LEAST 20 YEARS OLD TO ATTEND
DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS MONDAY SEPT. 14
QUESTIONS? CONTACT BERNADETTE MYERS
BERNADETTEMYERS@CUREOFARS.COM, 913.521.9361

WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND

You will learn about charisms which are given to every baptized Christian and how they are used for the accompaniment of others. The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains in paragraph 2003 that all charisms ought to be exercised in the service of God.



**Journeying Toward God: Discovering St.
 John Henry Newman's Legacy Retreat**

Christ's Peace House of Prayer

22131 Meagher Road -Easton, KS 66020

Friday, September 18th at

5:30pm-Sunday, September 20th at 4:30pm

Join us for a reflective retreat celebrating the life, wisdom, and holiness of **St. John Henry Newman**, recently declared a Doctor of the Church. This retreat invites participants to journey toward God by exploring Newman's writings, spiritual insights, and enduring contributions to the life of the Church. Participants will have the opportunity to deepen their understanding of faith, grow in personal holiness, and allow Newman's witness to inspire their own spiritual journey. Whether you are drawn to his interior life, theological wisdom, or example of fidelity and discernment, this retreat offers a sacred space to encounter God more fully. Cabins/Courtyard Rooms: \$180 Single / \$270 Couple Single Guest Rooms: \$110 (Meals included) To attend, fill out the Individual Retreat Form at ChristPeace.com or call 913.773.8255.

Welcome 2026-2027 Culture Project Team
to Strawberry Hill, Kansas City, Kansas!
From your Parishioners here at
St. John the Baptist & Holy Family Parishes



2026-2027 KANSAS CITY TEAM



ANAMARIA PAULUS is from Miami, FL where she worked as a nanny for 3 years after High School. She loved being a nanny but has since felt God calling her to serve Him as a missionary. Anamaria first heard about The Culture Project when she attended a talk given by missionaries at her young adult group. She was drawn to the mission because of the ability to share the truth with young people about their identity and purpose, rooted in the Theology of the Body. The opportunity to live in community with other young Catholics also drew Anamaria to The Culture Project. "Sharing this truth with young people is an important mission and I am so blessed to be a part of it."



BAYLEIGH DONAHOE is a 2025 graduate from the University of Nebraska Omaha with a BS in Communication Studies. She grew up in Eastern Nebraska and loved watching the sunset at her parent's lakeside home. Bayleigh met The Culture Project through a friend who had attended a presentation and invited Bayleigh to check out the mission. The message of restoring the culture and finding freedom from a counterfeit version of love opened her heart to a life of virtue for herself and all of God's children. Through a beautiful discernment process, Bayleigh answered the call from Christ to give a year of her life to serve others as a Culture Project missionary. "This truth of being made by love, for love, to love has set me free from the addictions the culture has fed me. I became a CP missionary to spread this good news to young men and women before the culture gets too much of them."



BELLA NEIMAN is a 2026 graduate of Ave Maria University with a BA in Psychology. She grew up in Michigan before moving to Florida for college. She was first introduced to The Culture Project through their social media content about human dignity and fell in love with the mission further after hearing the witness of some of their staff. In her time at Ave Maria she grew in a desire for a truly personal relationship with Christ. Bella has now felt Him drawing her closer to Him through the community and service of the Culture Project mission. "I am blessed to be able to share the message of hope and healing that is found in realizing and living out what we are created for. I love how this mission strives to especially help young people know they are personally loved and valued."



CARTER SCHULTZ is a 2026 graduate of Benedictine College with a BA in Business Management and a minor in Theology. He grew up in San Marcos, California and played football and baseball in high school and football in college. Carter met The Culture Project through friends at Benedictine who were going to be missionaries after graduation. They inspired Carter to use his talents and gifts to lead young people to Jesus. The message of beauty, dignity, and hope has impacted his life in a massive way and presenting this to others inspired him. A few months later, Carter answered the call to give Jesus Christ a year of his life to serve others as a Culture Project missionary. "My heart breaks for young people who don't know the beauty of truth and the person of Jesus Christ. I want to be a missionary so I can tell all the people whom I encounter about this great news."



KYLE WOZNIACK is an Omaha, Nebraska native who has spent the last 6 years in seminary formation. He earned his undergraduate in 2024 with a B.A. in Philosophy and Catholic Studies from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota. Kyle came into contact with The Culture Project at SEEK Conferences and was encouraged by a friend and CP missionary to pray about going on mission after he discerned out of the seminary. The Lord answered that prayer powerfully and swiftly. Kyle has loved the teachings of the Church since his youth and has found The Culture Project's mission to be a beautiful and inspiring witness to the love Jesus wants to pour into our world. "Jesus has loved and blessed me abundantly, and He has called me to the adventure of mission to make a saint of me and all those He will love through me."



It helped me understand the dangers of porn, and how it is harmful to all of us by giving humans no dignity, and also we are all special because we were born, which gives us a purpose.

Student at St. Pius X School, Kansas City, MO, Human Dignity Presentation



SCHEDULE US!

To learn more about our presentations and lunch encounter program, or to start the scheduling process, visit our website at www.thecultureproject.org/schedule or email us at schedule@thecultureproject.org

