



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 11, 2026

Matthew 22:1-14

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

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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

Fr Joseph is attending the Annual Canon Law Society of America Convention 2026 in St. Louis, Missouri this week.

Keeping in Touch will return next week.



CANON LAW SOCIETY OF AMERICA

Congratulations to

Fr. Joseph M. Arsenault, S.S.A., who celebrated his 26th Anniversary of his Priestly Ordination on October 6th!

Fr. Joseph also celebrates his birthday on October 12th!



*May the Lord bless you and keep you;
May the Lord make his face shine upon
you and be gracious to you; May the
Lord turn his countenance to you and
grant you peace.*

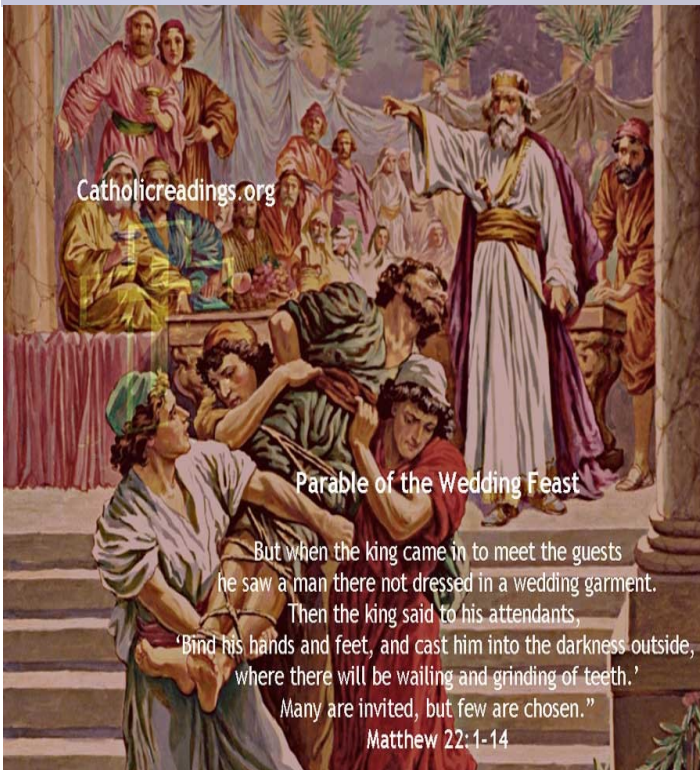
-Numbers 6:22-27

Welcome our visiting Priest to
St. John the Baptist for our weekend Masses.

Saturday, October 10 3 pm Confessions - 4 pm Mass

Fr. Joseph Chontos

Sunday, October 11 9 am Mass **Fr. Michael Hawken**



Parable of the Wedding Feast

But when the king came in to meet the guests he saw a man there not dressed in a wedding garment.

Then the king said to his attendants, 'Bind his hands and feet, and cast him into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.'

Many are invited, but few are chosen."

Matthew 22:1-14

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, October 11-

9am- Joseph Schwab
Kenna Thomas
John "Ivan" Podrebarac
Janko & Marija Piskuric Ivan, Veronica & Frank Sudac

Thursday, October 15-

8am- Ann Allen

Saturday, October 17-

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

Sunday, October 18-

9am- Nikola & Magda Sestric
Ainsley Brajkovic
Pete & Barbara Veselic
Vince Pemberton

LITURGICAL MINISTRY - OCTOBER

October 10-11, 2026-

Lectors: M. Grisnik ; M. Viskovic, P. Mikesic
Eucharistic Ministers: W. Stimac ; N. Gasparovic
Blessed Cup: none ; G. Garcia, M. Garcia
Servers: none ; A. Garcia, M. Garcia
Sacristans: B. Horvat, C. Kolich ; P. Mikesic, P. Hill

October 17-18, 2026-

Lectors: G. Garcia ; S. Glenn, M. Viskovic
Eucharistic Ministers: M. Garcia ; C. Schneider
Blessed Cup: none ; W. Stimac, M. Tomasic
Servers: A. Garcia, M. Garcia ; none
Sacristans: M. Foster, J. Foster ;
S. Sandelich, M. Alvey

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

	<u>Sat. 10/03/26</u>	<u>Sun. 10/04/26</u>
Envelopes:	2995.00	3078.00
Loose:	184.00	75.00
Building Fund:	1215.00	305.00
Candles:	76.00	100.25
Poor Box:		59.00
World Mission:	10.00	60.00
Leaven:	54.00	
Mass Intentions:	150.00	
Donations:		200.00
In Memory Of:	115.00	
(Henrietta Zurga)		
Food Kitchen:	25.00	



Visit Our Sunday
Visitor online giving at
[https://osvhub.com/
stjohnthebaptists/
giving/funds](https://osvhub.com/stjohnthebaptists/giving/funds)



Prayer Requests

Pope Leo XIV, Ann Allen, John Christ Sr., Phyllis Hampton, Sarah Skradski-Coleman, James Lipovac, Millie Sambol, Dianna Stimac, Milka Subasic, Lynda Thompson, Special Intention, In Thanksgiving, for World Peace, 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

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



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** in the basement of the church. 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
5:00pm Wednesday to the Parish office email to :
ourcroatianparish@gmail.com

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.



Appeal for Sacristans for 2027

If anyone is interested in serving as a Sacristan in 2027, please contact the church office.

The time commitment for Saturdays is generally one Mass Per month for the six months in the year that St. John's has a Saturday Mass. The commitment is the same for our Sunday Mass except it is for all twelve months of the year. Time spent as a Sacristan Is one hour before Mass preparing the church and altar for Mass and about 20 minutes after Mass. Training and written instructions will be provided.

All are invited to the next **KC Underground** hosted by City on a Hill on Thursday, October 15, at St. Joseph Parish in Shawnee.

KC Underground is an evening of candlelit Eucharistic Adoration with confession available. Come spend an evening in prayer with the young adult community in Kansas City!

Doors open and confession is available beginning at 7:00 p.m., Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:30 p.m., and Benediction at 9:00 p.m. We hope you can join us!



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



The Altar Society's Fall Apple Strudel Sale has begun!

Cost is \$15/strudel
Limit 5 strudels per person
Contact: Joanne Lally to place order
staragena@kc.rr.com or
913-281-4448

Pick up:
November 21st 3:00-5:30 pm
November 22nd following Mass.





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 WOZNIAK 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



*Thank you for your outstanding support for the Strawberry Hill
Altar Societies Golf Tournament.*

We had 139 golfers enjoy a perfect golf day. However you supported us: sponsors, golfers, raffle ticket buyers, donors we appreciate you. Our 50/50 winner was Charles Eichol who received \$1329.

Our 8th Annual Golf Tournament will be October 1, 2027. Save the Date!

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Thank you for your support!!

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