



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 4, 2026

Matthew 21: 33-43

Parish Office:

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Office: (913) 371-0627

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 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

Today begins **Respect Life Month** - a time when the Church prays and reflects more deeply on the gift of life and the dignity of the human person. This year's theme, "**Mary, Mother of Life,**" reflects on

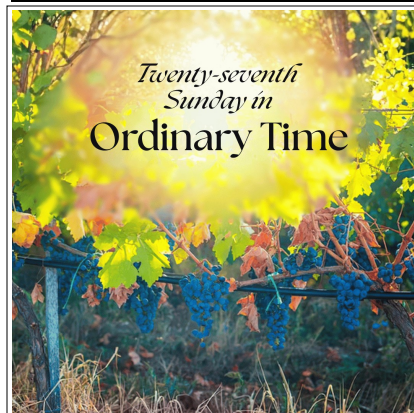
Our Lady's distinguished role as mother of all the living and teaches us to respect each human life in every stage and circumstance. We ask her intercession in helping us to recognize the gift of human life, even when that gift is unexpected or calls us to make sacrifices. Visit www.respectlife.org/respect-life-month to learn more..



Keeping In Touch

I am sorry that I did not write this column for last week. I was at the Beatification of Fulton Sheen. It was a wonderful blessed celebration. I was there in part to help with confessions along with several of my brother Papal Missionaries of Mercy. It is always great to see them and be with them. I came back to a busy weekend and then on Monday afternoon I was back in the car heading back to St Louis. This past week all the priests of the Archdiocese gathered at the Augustine Institute for our Convocation. It has been a great week. The sessions were good and the fellowship was great. This weekend is going to be a busy one ending with the Red Mass which will be held at St John the Baptist this year. It is looking like we will have a great crowd for the Mass. The Red Mass is a Mass that is for Catholics involved in the legal profession and is held every year to seek the help of the Lord for the coming year. Please pray for all Catholic lawyers and Judges and all those who assist them.

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



God has entrusted each of us with gifts, opportunities, and people to love. In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that what we've been given is meant to bear fruit for His Kingdom.

Where is God asking you to bear good fruit today?

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, October 4-

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

Thursday, October 8-

8am- Frank & Elizabeth Jaksa (72nd Anniversary)
Katika Stancic

Saturday, October 10-

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

Sunday, October 11-

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

LITURGICAL MINISTRY - OCTOBER

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

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

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Sun.09/27/2026

Envelopes:	2348.80
Loose:	134.00
Building Fund:	800.00
Candles:	130.00
Poor Box:	6.25
The Leaven:	128.00
Ascension of the Lord:	100.00
Donations:	200.00
In Memory of: (Henrietta Zurga)	20.00



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



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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

PRAYER OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,
grant that I may not so much seek

To be consoled as to console;

To be understood as to understand;

To be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Feast Day: October 4



PRAY FOR US!

October 4:

Saint Francis of Assisi, 800th Anniversary

October 5:

Saint Faustina Kowalska, Virgin

Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest—USA

October 6:

Saint Bruno, Priest

Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin-USA

September 30:

Saint Jerome, Priest &
Doctor of the Church

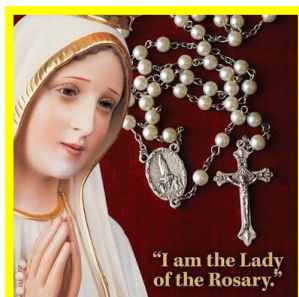
October 7:

Our Lady of the Rosary

October 9:

Saint Denis, Bishop &
Companions, Martyrs

Saint John Leonardi, Priest



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

 Support our Altar Societies! 

We Are in Need of Desserts!

for the Strawberry Hill Altar Societies Golf Tournament on 10/5

Desserts can be dropped off in the church basement on **Sunday 10/4** or delivered to the Sunflower Golf Club on Sunday after 4:00pm or Monday after 9:00 am.

 Any questions please call Kelly 816-863-4414.

Thank you for your sweet support! 



In this special Jubilee Year marking major milestones in their congregation's history, the **Servants of Mary**, Ministers to the Sick, invite people across the archdiocese to join them in celebrating the **Solemnity of St. Maria Soledad**, their foundress.

On *Sunday, Oct. 11*, at the **Cathedral of St. Peter**, 416 N. 14th St., Kansas City, there will be a blessing with the saint's first-class relic at the conclusion of the **10 a.m. (English) and noon (Spanish) Masses**, as well as an opportunity to venerate the relic before and after these liturgies. The Sisters, Servants, will be available at the Shrine of St. Maria Soledad at the cathedral between these Masses to receive visitors. The parish is also hosting a pancake breakfast that morning.

Oct. 11 commemorates the day in 1887 that St. Maria Soledad died at the Servants of Mary Motherhouse in Madrid. She was canonized a saint in 1970. Pope Francis proclaimed a Jubilee Year for the Sisters, Servants, this year and granted a plenary indulgence to Catholics who meet the required conditions. For more information, call 913-371-3423.

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 peadmin@archkck.org.



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.
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