

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

## 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 15, 2026 Matthew 25:14-30

**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 November)*
Sunday at 9 am
Thursday at 8 am

**Parish Ministries:**

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| 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

Well the day has come. This is the last Keeping in Touch that I will write to you as your pastor.

It is a sad day, but I am grateful to God and to all of you for the time that we have had over these past years. As you can imagine, this past week has been full of packing and preparing to move. In the midst of it all, however, there were a few meetings and a few things to do, but most of the time was spent in preparation for the move.

As you know whenever I was away I always reminded you that I carried you in my heart and in my prayers during my absence. This time will be no different. I assure you that you will remain in my heart and in my prayers. Know that I care for you and I hope and pray that our paths will cross in the future. May God bless each and every one of you in a very special and particular way.



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















## A Farewell and Thank You to you Father Joseph M. Arsenault, SSA

With grateful hearts, the parishioners of St. John the Baptist Croatian Parish say goodbye — and thank you — to our pastor, ***Father Joseph M. Arsenault, SSA***.

For the last 5 years, Father Joseph has served as our pastor, and for 17 years he has been there for us — helping out, celebrating with us, praying with us, and guiding us long before he officially became our pastor on *June 1, 2021*.

***In that time, he has been so much more than our priest. He has been our shepherd, our teacher, our counselor, and our friend.***

We thank him for:

*Leading us in faith* — for his faithful celebration of Mass and the sacraments, for his thoughtful homilies, for hearing our confessions, for visiting the sick and homebound, for comforting us in grief, and for rejoicing with us at baptisms, First Communions, confirmations, weddings, and so many family milestones.

*Loving and preserving our Croatian heritage* — for embracing who we are as a Croatian parish on Strawberry Hill, for supporting our Tamburitzans music, our kolo dancing, our language, our food, and our traditions, and for reminding us, in his own words, that we are "small but mighty."

*Leading us through our 125th Anniversary* — for celebrating with us on October 25th as we marked 125 years of faith, family, and Croatian culture, and for helping bring all of our parish groups together for a celebration we will never forget.

*Building up our parish life* — for his support of our annual Croatian Festival, our Food Kitchen, Senior Luncheon, Altar Society, St. John's Catholic Club, Men's Club, and all the ministries and volunteers who make St. John's feel like family.

*Serving beyond our parish* — for his faithful service to the wider Archdiocese as Judicial Vicar, Ecumenical Officer, Director of the Sanctuary of Hope Prayer and Retreat Center, and Coordinating Chaplain for the Sisters, Servants of Mary, all while never forgetting his flock here at St. John's and Holy Family.

Father Joseph, you came to us as a priest and you leave us as family. You have taught us to love our faith more deeply, to be proud of our heritage, and to take care of one another.

Though we are sad to see you go as you begin this next chapter in Maine, we send you with our prayers, our love, and our deepest gratitude.

*Hvala Vam, Father Joseph — thank you, and God bless you always.*

*With Love and Thanksgiving, Your Parish Family at St. John the Baptist Croatian Parish*

*~ P.S. "Shocking" will never be forgotten!! Lord willing, If the creek don't rise! ~*

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday, November 15-**
**9am-** Family of Nikola & Jadranka Gojmerac
Tricia & Eric Domsch
John "Ivan" Podrebarac
Mike Skrljac

**Thursday, November 19-**
**8am-** Mr. & Mrs. AJ Persin

**Saturday, November 21-**
**4pm-** ***Mass at Holy Family***
People of the Parishes

**Sunday, November 22-**
**9am-** Kathy Suljak & Mirica Black
Nick & Ana Kucenic
Mike, Barbara, Anna Kralj
Miho, & Ana Cavlovic

## LITURGICAL MINISTRY - NOVEMBER

**November 15, 2026-**
**Lectors:** M. Viskovic, S. Glenn
**Eucharistic Ministers:** N. Gasparovic
**Blessed Cup:** B. Horvat, W. Stimac
**Servers:** I. Dordevic
**Sacristans:** S. Sandelich, M. Alvey

**November 22, 2026-**
**Lectors:** C. Schneider , M. Viskovic
**Eucharistic Ministers:** G. Garcia
**Blessed Cup:** M. Garcia, M. Tomasic
**Servers:** A. Garcia, M. Garcia
**Sacristans:** M. Garcia, G. Garcia

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

| | *Sun.11/08/26* |
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| **Envelopes:** | 4068.50 |
| **Loose:** | 243.00 |
| **Building Fund:** | 180.00 |
| **Candles:** | 155.20 |
| **World Mission:** | 10.00 |
| **All Saints:** | 114.00 |
| **CC Human Development:** | 20.00 |
| **Donation:** | 70.00 |
| **In Memory Of:** (Mary Jean Podrebarac) | 100.00 |



Visit Our Sunday Visitor online giving at https://osvhub.com/stjohnthebaptistks/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.)*





## 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.

## From SJB Altar Society...

The Altar Society meeting is **cancelled on 11/15** to celebrate **Father Joseph's Farewell Party**. Our Christmas Food Drive and Baby Items Collection will start on ***11/15 and run through 12/27***. Please see the flyers for details. Our next meeting will be ***12/6*** during our Altar Society Christmas Brunch in Tomasic Hall of the Strawberry Hill Museum. If you have any questions, please reach out to one of the officers (Kelly Moutray, Theresa Jaksetic, Bernadette Horvat). Love in Christ.




CATHOLIC CHARITIES

HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

November 15th to Dec 27th

Bring nonperishable items that are not expired. Place food in boxes at the church entrances.

Sponsored by Altar Society

**THANKSGIVING DAY MASS MASS**

*for both parish communities*

9:00 a.m. Mass
Location: St. John the Baptist
708 N. 4th St., Kansas City, Kansas






**The Altar Society's**
**Fall Apple Strudel Pick Up**

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



*Please submit any bulletin news and events by* ***5:00pm Wednesday*** *to the Parish office email to :*
**ourcroatianparish@gmail.com**











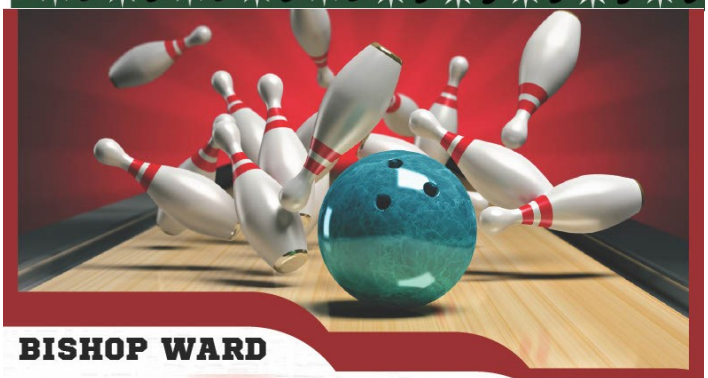
# St. John's Catholic Club and Jim Barić & Friends Christmas Dance

## Saturday, December 5th
## 5-8:30 p.m.

St. John's Gym, 414 Barnett Avenue, KCKS

Music beginning at 5:30 p.m.
*Meals unavailable after 7 p.m.*

**$20** per person
(**$5** for those 12 and under)
Includes: Krizman Polish Sausage sandwich and two sides.
Soda and water are also included.
Beer will be available for purchase.



## BISHOP WARD ATHLETICS

## BOWL-A-THON FUNDRAISER

*Join us for a fun day of bowling, a 50/50 Pot, a silent auction, and more as we raise funds for our programs.*
*Don't bowl? Feel free to stop by to socialize!*
*Event proceeds support sports teams at Bishop Ward!*

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 2, 2027**

- 9:00 AM, 12:00 PM, 3:00 PM, 6:00 PM
- FOUR 3 HOUR FLIGHTS ALL YOU CAN BOWL SESSIONS
- St. John the Baptist Bowling Alley
  414 Barnett Ave. KC, KS 66101
  All food and beverage sales go to St. John's Club
- $30 PER PERSON
- IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE AN ITEM FOR THE SILENT AUCTION OR MAKE A SPONSORSHIP DONATION, PLEASE CONTACT JIM YOAKUM VIA TEXT AT 913-342-5555, OR EMAIL YOAKUMLAW@GMAIL.COM OR USE FACEBOOK MESSAGING.

**BOWLING SIGN UP**



QUESTIONS?
CONTACT BASKETBALL HEAD COACH KEVIN WALTERBACH
KWALTERBACH@WARDHIGH.ORG OR 913-371-1201

ST. MARY & ST. ANTHONY CHURCH
615 N. 7TH ST. KANSAS CITY, KS 66101

# ST. NICHOLAS SPAGHETTI DINNER & BINGO NIGHT

## DINNER LIMITED TO 150 TICKETS!

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2026**
**DINNER: 5:15P.M. - 6:30P.M.**
**BINGO: 6:45P.M. - 8:30P.M.**
**CASH PRIZES FOR BINGO!**
**50/50 POT RAFFLE**



**DINNER MENU:**
PENNE PASTA WITH MEAT SAUCE - CATERED BY ITALIAN DELIGHT RESTAURANT!
SALAD, BREAD, & DESSERT

**TICKETS IN ADVANCE**
Adult - $20
dinner, dessert, 2 drink tickets, 2 bingo cards
Child (10 & Under) - $10
dinner, dessert, 1 drink ticket, 1 bingo card

**TICKETS AT THE DOOR**
Adult - $25, Child (12 & under) - $15

ADDITIONAL DRINKS, SNACKS, AND BINGO CARDS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE. (CASH ONLY)

**TO-GO ORDERS AVAILABLE!**

**50/50 POT TICKETS:**
1 ticket for $5, 3 tickets for $10, 7 tickets for $20, 15 tickets for $40.

CASH, CHECK, OR VENMO ACCEPTED FOR DINNER TICKETS.
WOULD YOU LIKE TO VOLUNTEER?
CONTACT ANGIE GREGORY AT ANGIEGREGORY26@GMAIL.COM.

# ST. NICHOLAS DINNER & BINGO NIGHT

## ADVANCE TICKET ORDER FORM & PAYMENT DUE BY DECEMBER 1!

YOU WILL RECEIVE A CONFIRMATION EMAIL OR PHONE CALL THAT YOUR ORDER HAS BEEN RECEIVED.
YOUR TICKET(S) WILL BE AT THE DOOR. NO TICKETS WILL BE MAILED!

CASH, CHECK, OR VENMO ACCEPTED.
CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE OUT TO ST. MARY & ST. ANTHONY CHURCH.

**HOW DO YOU SEND IN YOUR ORDER & PAYMENT?**

**OPTION 1: HAND-DELIVER TO THE PARISH OFFICE** MON., TUES., THURS., OR FRI. FROM 9:30A.M. - 2:30P.M. OR WED. FROM 9:30A.M. - 11:30A.M..
**OPTION 2: DROP IN THE COLLECTION BASKET AT MASS.** PLACE YOUR ORDER FORM AND PAYMENT IN AN ENVELOPE. PUT "ST. NICHOLAS DINNER & BINGO NIGHT" ON THE ENVELOPE.
**OPTION 3: MAIL THIS ORDER FORM AND PAYMENT TO THE SMSA PARISH OFFICE** AT 632 TAUROMEE AVE., KANSAS CITY, KS 66101. ***MUST BE RECEIVED BY DEC. 1!***
**OPTION 4: PAY USING VENMO.** PLEASE CONTACT ANGIE GREGORY AT ANGIEGREGORY26@GMAIL.COM TO USE VENMO.

**NAME:** _____

**CONTACT NUMBER:** _____

**EMAIL:** _____

**NUMBER OF ADVANCE ADULT TICKETS ($20 EACH):** _____

**NUMBER OF ADVANCE CHILD TICKETS ($10 EACH):** _____

**NUMBER OF 50/50 POT TICKETS:** _____

**50/50 Tickets: 1 for $5, 3 for $10, or 7 for $20, 15 tickets for $40.**
**Do not have to be present to win.**

**I CANNOT ATTEND, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO BE AN EVENT SPONSOR.**

**SPONSORSHIP AMOUNT:** _____

**TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED:** _____