CELEBRATE

Father Joseph

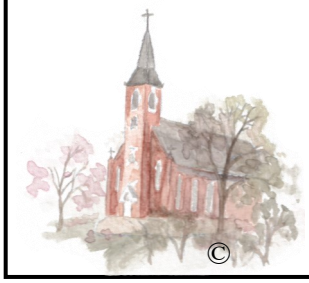


JOIN US IN THANKING FATHER JOSEPH FOR HIS DEDICATION TO OUR PARISHES

Sunday, November 15th after 10am Mass
St. John's Auditorium | Food, Drinks, and Gratitude

MASS TIME CHANGE
Mass for both parishes will be held at
10:00am at St. John the Baptist

****Must RSVP by noon on November 9th ****
to (913)-433-1624 or (816) -673-4842 or
ourcroatianparish@gmail.com



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 8, 2026 Matthew 25:1-13

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

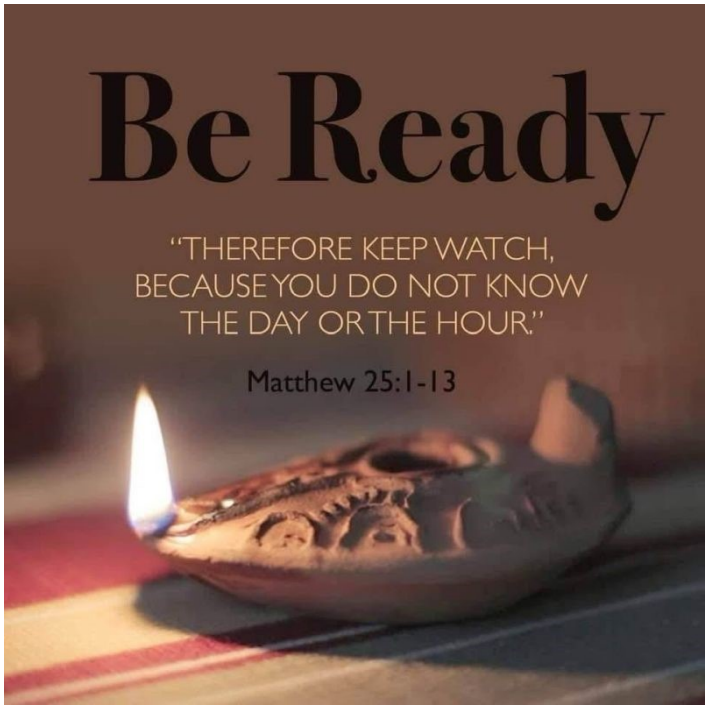
Sacraments:
Confession at 3 pm before Saturday Mass or call for appointment

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:

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 as you can imagine, this past week has been filled with packing and making various arrangements for my move to Maine. One of the things that I had to do was to get new tires put on my car. I ordered them and set the appointment. When I showed up they checked me in and told me probably about a half hour wait and I set out to do some shopping while they were changing the tires. Almost immediately after leaving the desk, my phone rings It was the tire center. I answered it and the technician said to me, "I'm just getting ready to put the tires on the car, but do you realize your ordering winter tires. You know you cannot use those in the summer time around here." I replied, "yes, I am getting reading to move to Maine." He responded, "oh okay" and hung up. So I am happy to report the car is ready for Maine!

I am grateful that I seem to be on track with all the necessary arrangements for the move and I know that next week will continue to be a week of packing and finalizing things.

Please continue to pray for me in this time of transition and be assured that I am praying for all of you in this time of transition.



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

Please note, Fr. Joseph will conclude his service as pastor of both Holy Family and St. John parishes on November 30, 2026.

PAROCHIAL ADMINISTRATOR

Very Rev. Michael Hawken, V.G. has been appointed Parochial Administrator of St. John the Catholic Parish and Holy Family Catholic Church effective November 16, 2026. Father Hawken grew up and attended the Cathedral of St. Peter in Kansas City, Kansas and attended Bishop Ward High School. Many of us already know Fr. Michael and we look forward to working with him in this transition.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, November 8-
9am- Christine Mary Braun
John P. & Helen Schwab
Steve & Cena Cavlovic & Ivan Zeleznak
Janko Hlade & Family
Fred Hayes

Thursday, November 12-
8am-

Saturday, November 14-
4pm- ***Mass at Holy Family***
People of the Parishes

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

LITURGICAL MINISTRY - NOVEMBER

November 8, 2026-
Lectors: M. Viskovic, R. Sambol
Eucharistic Ministers: W. Stimac
Blessed Cup: A. Kucenic, C. Schneider
Servers: A. Garcia
Sacristans: P. Mikesic, P. Hill

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

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

	Sat. 10/31/26	*Sun. 11/01/26*
Envelopes:	1854.00	2629.50
Loose:	107.00	307.00
Building Fund:	640.00	680.00
Candles:	93.00	105.00
Poor Box:		21.10
World Mission:	250.00	
All Saints:	32.00	179.00
Leaven:	27.00	
Mass Intentions:	45.00	
Food Kitchen:	25.00	
Donation:		50.00



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.)

Upcoming Events

Food Kitchen

Food Kitchen date is for ***Monday November 9th.*** 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 November 10th*** *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 ***November 11th*** 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.**

Almighty God continues to abundantly bless our parish. After all expenses were accounted for, our annual ***Croatian Festival*** generated a profit of *$112,505.99*, a new record! Thank you to everyone who labored and contributed to the event's success.

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



The sacrament of matrimony is a reflection of the Trinity. In Pope Leo XIV's foreword to YOUCAT Love Forever, a book answering young adults' questions about love, he reminds all of us that true love comes from the source of all love, God. ❤

YOUCAT Love Forever, available at
https://tinyurl.com/youcatloveforever

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.



The sixth season of **The Chosen** portrays the 24 hours surrounding Jesus' death. The season begins streaming on ***Amazon Prime*** next ***Sunday, November 15.***

Do you watch this series? What has been your favorite season so far?



As we wrap up Vocations Awareness Week, thank you for your prayers and your financial support. Your gift to the **Vocations Appeal** supports the education and formation of our current seminarians, our future priests. Make a gift today at https://archkck.org/vocations-give/

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.

Book of the Dead - All Soul's Remembered

Throughout the month of November, all parishioners and guests are invited to write the names of their deceased family members and friends in the Book of the Dead located on the Communion Rail. Next to our Book of the Dead, there is a purple candle that will burn for the entire month. The continual burning of the candle symbolizes our prayer which is offered in faith entering into the presence of God.



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



The Altar Society's
Fall Apple Strudel Pick Up

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







Bingo is BACK at PAL KCK!

Join us for Fall Bingo Night at PAL KCK for dinner, drinks, lots of laughs, friendly competition and plenty of chances to yell BINGO!

Saturday, November 14

PAL KCK: 800 N. 5th Street, KCKS

Doors open at 5 PM

Bingo starts at 6 PM

Best of all, proceeds from the evening will help us make the holiday season extra special for our PAL KCK kids and families.

Grab your friends, bring your lucky charm and come have some fun with us!

Tickets are on sale now— online or at the door! $50 per tickets includes all BINGO supplies, dinner and drinks!

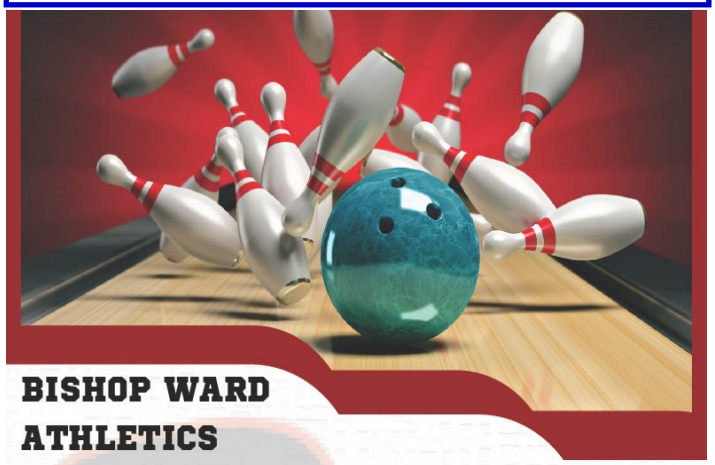
St. John's Catholic Club and Jim Barić & Friends Christmas Dance

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

BOWLING SIGN UP

$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.



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