



# Holy Family Church GEMS

## Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### August 3, 2025

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, tell my brother to share the inheritance with me.” He replied to him, “Friend, who appointed me as your judge and arbitrator?” Then he said to the crowd, “Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one’s life does not consist of possessions.”

- Luke 12:13-21



**THEN HE SAID TO THEM,  
“WATCH OUT! BE ON  
YOUR GUARD AGAINST  
ALL KINDS OF GREED;  
LIFE DOES NOT CONSIST  
IN AN ABUNDANCE OF  
POSSESSIONS.”**

Luke 12:15

## KEEPING IN TOUCH

Greetings from Canada once again. My time here in Canada is quickly coming to an end and I will be back soon. This week was another great week with my family. Me and my mother travelled to New Brunswick (8 hr drive) to visit my brother and his family. While we were there my niece celebrated her 15th birthday. It was a great visit and the drive there and back was very good. Right now two of my aunts are visiting us and we are having great fun. I hope that all is good with you all and I look forward to seeing you all soon. As always, be assured of my prayers.

Blessings!

Fr. Joseph M. Arsenault, SSA  
Pastor



### HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

274 Orchard St., Kansas City, Kansas 66101

**Pastor:** Fr. Joseph Arsenault, SSA

**Burmese Community/Sacramental Assistant:**

Fr. Michael Lian

**Parish Office Address:** 515 Ohio Ave., KCK 66101

**Office Phone:** 913-413-0022

**Hours:** Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**Web:** [holyfamilychurchkck.org](http://holyfamilychurchkck.org)

**Find us on Facebook!**

**Email:** [holyfamilychurch1925@gmail.com](mailto:holyfamilychurch1925@gmail.com)

**Resurrection Catholic School:** 425 N. 15<sup>th</sup> St., KCK 66102

**Phone:** 913-371-8101

### MASS SCHEDULE:

**Friday:** 8:00 a.m.

**Saturday:** 4:00 p.m. (Odd months at Holy Family)

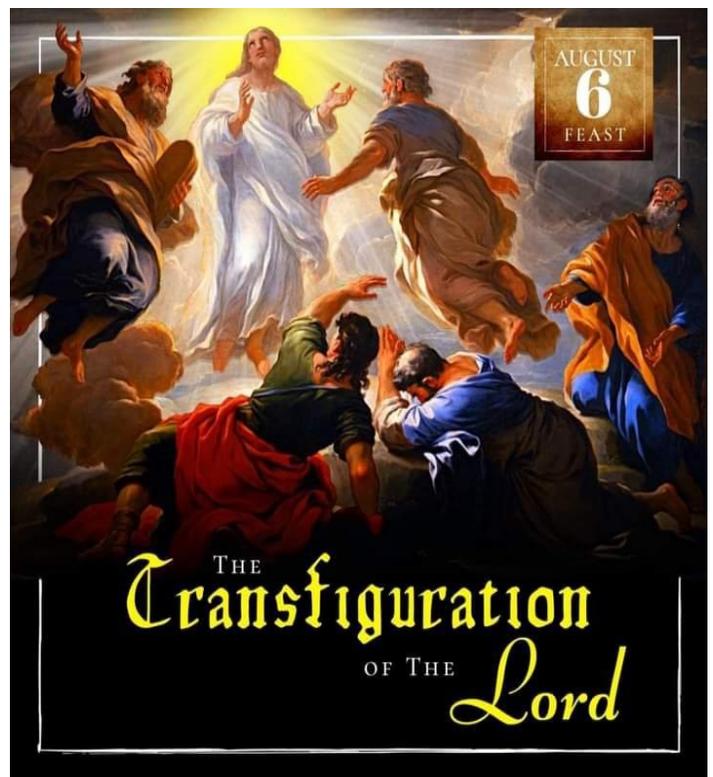
*(Confessions at 3:00 p.m. before Mass)*

**Sunday:** 10:30 a.m. & 12:15 p.m. (Burmese)

### THE HOLY ROSARY

Recited every Saturday at 6:00 p.m. (Burmese)

Recited every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. before 10:30 a.m. Mass



## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday, August 3

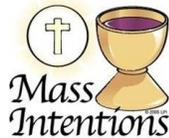
*Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
10:30 a.m. Shera Norris†

### Friday, August 8

*Saint Dominic*  
8:00 a.m. Vince Wolf†

### Sunday, August 10

*Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
10:30 a.m. Julius & Marge Novak††



## PRAYER REQUESTS

Beatrice Arce, Paul Anselmo, Jim Blair, Steve Blaschke, Robert Bartkoski, Linda Bartkoski, Brisimitzakis Family, Steven Bocker, Christine Muelmaster Bruns, Bill Bushue, Sam Cattey, Frank Chavez, Larry Cornish, Elizabeth Curtin, Ann Crump, Savannah Crawford, Gary Dercher, Joe Dragosh, Janet Easter, Vincent Eskina, Gary Esposito, Jane Ferbezar, Matthew Fuqua, Ron Gabrielson, Don Gergick, Nick Gianfrancesco, Greg Golder, Teresa Grado, Gary Grindel, Joe Grindel, Mary Ann Hamm, John Hart, Jr., Loretta Hentzen, Diane Holton, Linda Holton, Mary Lou Holton, Mary Ann Stimac-Huber, Roger Jackson, Lupe Jaramillo, Madeleine Glenn-Klein, Beth Ann Palcher Kornegay, Janice Labesky, James Lipovac, Tim Lukavsky, Hrvoje Ljubicic family, Brett McCord, Linda Macek, Walter Marnett, Charles Martynowicz, Ed Melnick, Julie Miller, Mike Mootz, Betty Mulich, Frank Muelmaster, Mary-Elizabeth Anna Neitzke, Joe Paduch, Joseph Punswick, Cameron Rezin, R.J. Samuels, Stacy Taylor Scheelk, Richard Schutte, Roger Schutte, Marco Serra, Donna Severance, Anthony Smarekar, Sr. Gloria Solomon, John Soptick, Jacob Strathman, Matt & Chrissy Stewart, Joe Sutton, Don Swanson, Daniel Thurman, Brad Torelli, Germaine Van Hoet, Joe Waliczek, Richard Whitaker, Carol Sue Williamson, Martha Wolf-Holland, Marcia Wolf, Louis Villegas, Angie Yadrach, Weslie Mae Zych, & for all those who suffer from alcoholism, cancer, mental health issues and anyone else in need of our prayers.

## WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

### Weekly Collection 7/26/25, 4:00 p.m.:

Weekly Envelopes:	\$ 352.00
Plate:	99.00
Building Maintenance:	10.00
Wedding-Church:	200.00
Wedding-Hall/Gym:	300.00
<b>TOTAL STEWARDSHIP:</b>	<b>\$ 961.00</b>

### Weekly Collection 7/27/25, 10:30 a.m.:

Weekly Envelopes:	\$ 1,160.00
Plate:	103.00
Fuel:	270.00
Candle:	48.00
<b>TOTAL STEWARDSHIP:</b>	<b>\$ 1,581.00</b>

### Weekly Collection 7/27/25, 12:15 p.m.:

*(Mass at St. Patrick Church)*

Weekly Envelopes:	\$ 477.00
Plate:	883.00
Fuel:	28.00
Summer Mission Appeal-St. Ann's:	1,565.00
<b>TOTAL STEWARDSHIP:</b>	<b>\$ 2,953.00</b>

### Other Deposit 7-29-25:

Weekly Envelopes:	\$ 355.00
Fuel:	50.00
Slovenefest - Mega Raffle:	800.00
Slovenefest - Sponsorships:	250.00
Mass Intentions:	140.00
Peter's Pence:	20.00
Capital Campaign:	100.00
<b>Total Deposit 7-30-25:</b>	<b>\$1,715.00</b>

**Thank you for your support!**

Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
**Marge Kostelec-Lyons**  
*August 6*

Marge gifted the church a painting she drew of "Marija Pomagaj" (Mary, Help of Christians) that hangs in the church vestibule.

Marge is the sister of Frank Kostelec.



## SPONSORSHIP FORM

Holy Family Church, 274 Orchard Street, Kansas City, KS 66101

We are proud to announce the 17th Annual Slovenefest on Saturday, September 27, 2025. The event begins with 4:00 p.m. Mass with festivities followed afterwards at the school grounds and Mejak Hall. Music provided by the Brian McCarty Band. This year marks 117 years of Slovenians gathering to celebrate their faith in our community. The first Holy Family Church sat on three lots of 511, 513, and 515 Ohio Ave. with two frame cottages, acquired for \$3,000. One house was converted into a small church, the other became the rectory. On the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, August 15, 1908, the first Holy Family Church was blessed and mass was offered by the Rev. Joseph Kompare.

A bell for the church was deemed a necessity. Cast by the Stuckstede Bros. foundry in St. Louis in 1908, it carries the message (translated from Slovenian): "St. Joseph, pray for us. Slovenci, use your time well." It sounded the Angelus three times each day, called the faithful to mass and other services, tolled at funerals, and rang with gladness on joyous occasions.

In celebration of our Slovenian roots we symbolically ring the bell and call home our former parishioners, their descendants, sons and daughters of the parish, former students of Holy Family School, acquaintances and friends of Holy Family Church back to celebrate our 117 years as a parish community at Slovenefest. If you are unable to attend this year, please come and visit us anytime by attending the 8:00 a.m. Friday morning mass, 4:00 p.m. Saturday evening mass (odd months), the 10:30 a.m. Sunday mass or just stop by the parish office at 515 Ohio Ave.

This year in particular, we celebrate the 100th anniversary of our current church building! There is always ongoing maintenance in a building so old—plumbing, HVAC systems, sound system, organ, etc. While our Slovenefest is our big fundraiser for the year, we hope to do other fundraisers throughout the year as we have done in the past. Stay tuned as we journey through the year together. We look forward to seeing you at Slovenefest 2025!

**YES! I want to help preserve Holy Family Catholic Church and our Slovenian legacy.**

### Circle One

\$50 - Sponsorship	\$1,000 - Sponsorship
\$100 - Sponsorship	\$ 2,500 - Sponsorship
\$250 - Sponsorship	\$ 5,000 - Sponsorship
\$500 - Sponsorship	_____ - Other Amount

### Donation in Memory of:

\_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address/City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**You may drop this form in our weekly Mass collection with your check or mail to:**

**Holy Family Church, 515 Ohio Ave., Kansas City, KS 66101.  
If you have any questions, please call our parish office at 913-413-0022.**



## Slovenefest 2025

**Saturday, September 27**

### HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

274 Orchard Street, Kansas City, KS 66101

*Celebrating the 100th anniversary of our current church building!*

### 4:00 p.m. - Holy Mass

274 Orchard Street

### 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Festivities

Msgr. Mejak Hall, Gym & School grounds  
515 Ohio Avenue

**Traditional Slovenian Dinner,  
Food Court, Adult & Children Games, Raffles,  
Mega Money Raffle,  
Cultural Booth & Souvenirs,  
Mini Silent Auction**

### Music & Dancing featuring:

### **THE BRIAN MCCARTY BAND**



For more information visit our website at [www.holyfamilychurchkck.org](http://www.holyfamilychurchkck.org), like & share the event on Facebook, or contact the church office at 913-413-0022.



**All proceeds to benefit Holy Family Church**

### SILENT AUCTION UPDATE

Patty Westfall is putting together baskets and items for our Silent Auction. We are now accepting donations of various items for themed baskets, gift certificates to stores or restaurants, bottles of wine, or any large item. **We also are in need of baskets.**

The Silent Auction is always a big hit at the festival! Bring the items you donate to the parish office during the week or to the church when you attend mass. If you have any questions, please call Patty Westfall at 913-624-0993 or the parish office at 913-413-0022.

Strawberry Hill Museum DON LIPOVAC  
 "One of a Kind" Exhibit, 720 N. 4th St.,  
 KCK. Weekends through Sept 21, 2025.  
<https://strawberryhillmuseum.org>



## HOLY FAMILY CHURCH MEGA MONEY RAFFLE!

Dear Parishioners & Friends:

Our 17th annual parish Slovenefest will be held on Saturday, September 27, 2025. The event will begin with Holy Mass at 4pm at the church with festivities from 5pm-9pm at Monsignor Mejak Hall, Gym, & School Grounds, 513 Ohio Ave., Kansas City, Kansas. This annual event is an important part of the financial stability of Holy Family parish. In the past, a large portion of the proceeds came from the Mega Raffle.

It is our goal to sell 300 mega raffle tickets at \$100 each with nine (9) \$1,000.00 winners! Winning tickets will be drawn at Slovenefest. You need not be present to win. All proceeds from the raffle will benefit Holy Family Church.



**COUNT ME IN: Enclosed is my donation per ticket.**

**Name/Address/Phone #:**

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\_\_\_\_\_ **White Mega Raffle Ticket - \$100 each**

**Please complete and mail this form  
 with your check made payable to:**

Holy Family Church, 515 Ohio Ave., Kansas City,  
 KS 66101 or drop this form in the collection basket  
 at any of our weekend masses.

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 8, 2025**

**LEGENDS FIELD**

1800 Village West Parkway  
 Kansas City, Kansas  
 3:00 pm - Tailgating  
 7:00 pm - First Pitch  
 Plus a kids run and baby crawl

**PITCHING FOR PRIESTS 2025**

*Priests from the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph vs. the priests of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas to raise funds for and encourage vocations.*

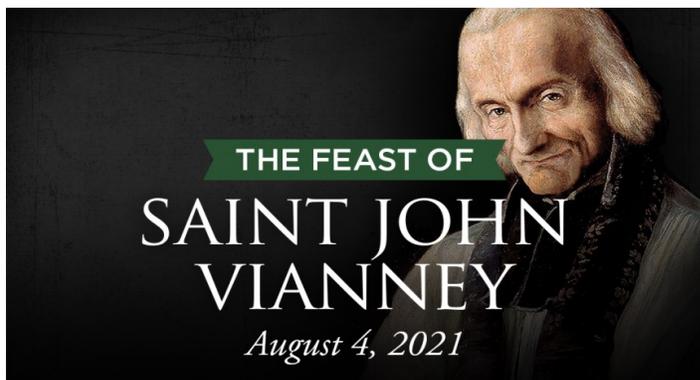
**THIS YEARS EVENT IS FREE!**

*A FreeWill offering to benefit seminarians will be accepted at the ballpark, or you can donate right now using the QR code.*

[catholicradio.com](http://catholicradio.com)

Parishioner, **Betty Mulich**, will turn 104 years old on August 10! Let's shower her with birthday cards to the address below:

**Betty Mulich**  
 2761 Hutton Rd.  
 Kansas City, KS 66109



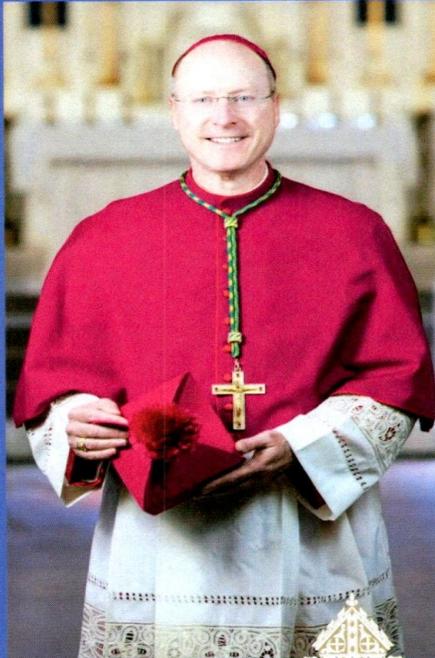
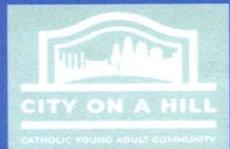
JOIN US

Young Adult Mass with Archbishop McKnight

August 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm

Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Assumption

Co-hosted by:



Savior Pastoral Center  
12601 Parallel Pkwy  
Kansas City KS



Fellowship following - Please RSVP!



# SHINE

## FOR DONNELLY COLLEGE

Please join us in celebrating the transformative impact of private Catholic higher education in the lives of our students. Together we can advance Donnelly's mission of making the opportunity for a faith-based college education accessible to all.

### THURSDAY, OCT. 9, 2025

- 5:30 PM Sponsor and alumni reception with Monsignor Stuart Swetland
- 6:00 PM Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres
- 7:00 PM Dinner by Jack Stack's Astoria and concise program featuring student testimonials and Alumni Hall of Fame induction
- 8:30 PM Gourmet coffee bar and fellowship!

For sponsor benefits, scan code or visit [donnelly.edu/SHINE](https://donnelly.edu/SHINE)



Questions? Contact Nancy Wilkerson  
913.621.8758 | [nwilkerson@donnelly.edu](mailto:nwilkerson@donnelly.edu)

### Prayer of St. Dominic

*May God the Father who made us bless us.  
 May God the Son send his healing among us.  
 May God the Holy Spirit move within us and  
 give us eyes to see with, ears to hear with,  
 and hands that your work might be done.  
 May we walk and preach the word of  
 God to all.  
 May the angel of peace watch over us and  
 lead us at last by God's grace to the  
 Kingdom.*



St. Dominic

Feast Day: August 8



Pray for Us

@cathapostlectr



## 2025 Croatian Festival

Welcome to the 2025 Croatian Festival! Join us on Saturday, August 16, after 5 p.m. Festivities, food and fun will be held at our church grounds, **St. John the Baptist Church, 708 N. 4th Street, Kansas City, KS**. The dance will begin at 9 p.m. on the Strawberry Hill Museum grounds next door. Admission is free.

Parking is available on side streets (be kind to the neighbors!) and in the parking garage at the University of Kansas - Strawberry Hill Campus at Fourth Street and Armstrong. Thank you, KU!

Our food will include Croatian favorites: sarma dinner (\$20), sausage sandwich dinner (\$15), cobanac/Croatian stew, and hamburgers and hot dogs. Be sure to try the Croatian cookies at the cookie booth.

Try your luck at our raffle booths - apple strudel, povitica (nut bread), and salamis. Chances are \$1.

Our kids' booth activities are still 50 cents. Little ones can try their luck at the treat booth for snacks and toys, the fishing pond and the soda pop ring toss. There will also be face painting plus jewelry and hairbands for sale.

Don't forget the Strawberry Boutique for T-shirts and all things strawberry and Croatian. No new T-shirts this year, but we will have bargain prices on shirts from previous years - \$10 each.