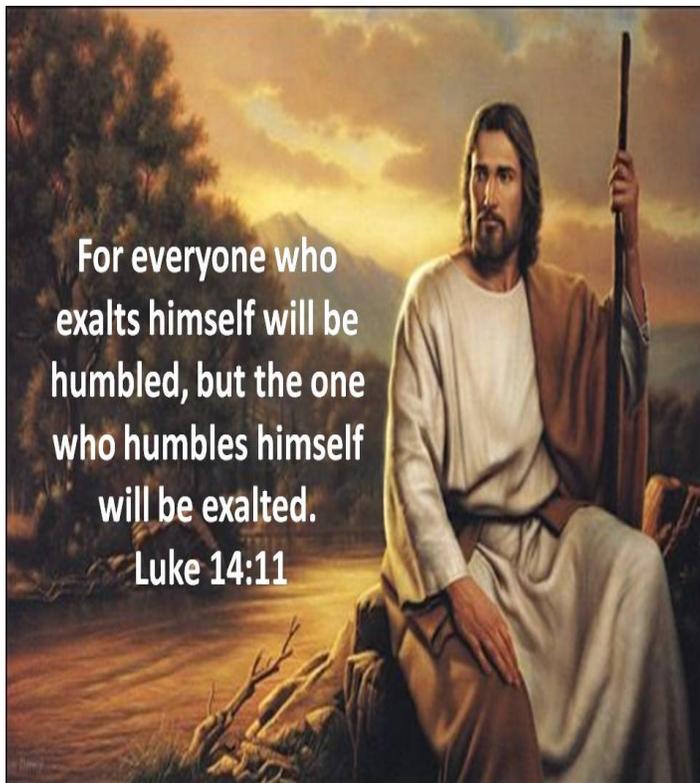


Holy Family Church GEMS

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 31, 2025



For everyone who
exalts himself will be
humbled, but the one
who humbles himself
will be exalted.
Luke 14:11

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

274 Orchard St., Kansas City, Kansas 66101

Pastor: Fr. Joseph Arsenault, SSA

Burmese Community/Sacramental Assistant:

Fr. Michael Lian

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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

KEEPING IN TOUCH

This past week was a full week (as always). There was, of course, the normal things and then several things were added in. One of the things that was different this week was I had a meeting with the judges of the Tribunal. This is something we try to do approximately once a month. We gather, begin with prayer and then we settle down to judging cases that are before us. It is always a very interesting time where we continue to use the knowledge we acquired when we got our degrees, but it is also a time of learning from one another. I always look forward to our monthly meetings and am grateful for the dedication, knowledge, and wisdom of the judges that work with me.

Another thing that was added into my schedule this week was a meeting of all of the deans with our new Archbishop. As you remember I am the Dean for Wyandotte. This gathering was a time for the Archbishop to get to know the deans and to hear about what's happening in each of the deaneries throughout the diocese. Also it was an opportunity for the Archbishop to share with us his vision of how he wants us to carry out the Office of Dean. As I've said before, it is always a joy to meet to be together with brother priests and our Archbishop.

Also as I had mentioned last week we had the celebration of St. Monica and St. Augustine. They were wonderful celebrations and I am grateful for my life as an Augustinian in the service of God and His people. With this week at an end I look forward to the week to come. Until then!

Blessings!

Fr. Joseph M. Arsenault, SSA
Pastor



“Take my yoke upon you, says the Lord, and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart.” - Matthew 11:29ab



Please join us for the
25th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination
Celebration for

Rev. Joseph M. Arsenault, S.S.A.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be celebrated
on Friday, October 3, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at

St. John the Baptist Church
708 N. 4th Street
Kansas City, Kansas 66101

A reception to follow Mass in the
St. John the Baptist Auditorium

Please **RSVP** by September 25 to
Wendy at 913-371-0627
or ourcroatianparish@gmail.com
or Cathy at 913-413-0022
or holyfamilychurch1925@gmail.com

*The Celebration is presented by the parishes of
St. John the Baptist and Holy Family.*

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FOR THEIR
**END OF SUMMER
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SISTERS, SERVANTS OF
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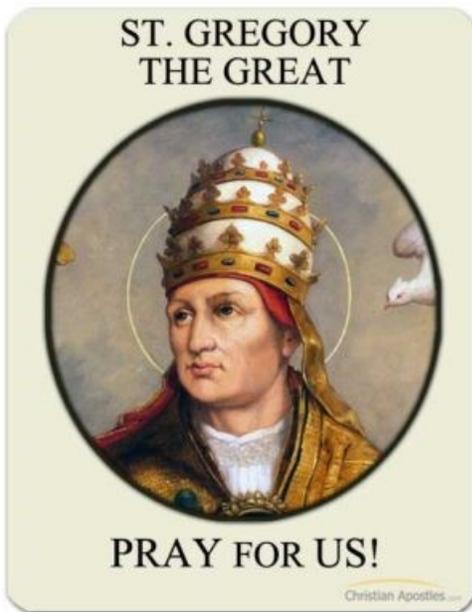
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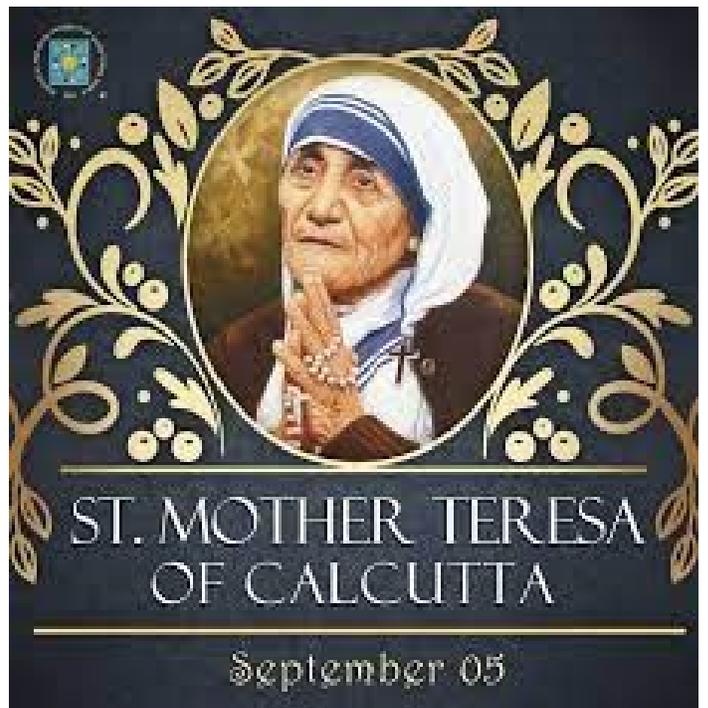
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Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one
ever come to you without leaving happier.
- Saint Mother Theresa of Calcutta



Feast Day - September 3



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, Raf-
fles, 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,
like & share the event on Facebook,
or contact the church office at
913-413-0022.



All proceeds to benefit Holy Family Church

ANNUCIATION CATHOLIC SCHOOL MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

PRAYER

Almighty God, entrust the beloved children of Annunciation School to your everlasting love and heavenly kingdom.

“Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.”

SLOVENEFEEST 2025

Our annual parish festival is on Saturday, September 27. We are looking for **Volunteers** for the entire week of September 22. Our schedule for the week of Slovenefest begins each day around 10:00 a.m. and ends around 4:00 p.m.

On Thursday, September 25, we will begin making Slovenian Potato Salad around 9:00 a.m.

On Friday, September 26, we will begin making cabbage rolls around 9:30 a.m.

Both of these projects will take place in Mejak Hall of the club. Lunch is provided for all volunteers for both days.

On the day of the event, September 27, we will need your help with various projects.

Marla Serra leads the dessert tables and could use help slicing, plating, and wrapping various delectable treats. She usually begins around 10:00 a.m., however, please contact her for additional information.

The beer garden is sponsored by the Simonich Family and Sarah Lee could use your help in this set up.

Tom Westfall is in charge of set up and take down and many, many other things. He sure could use your help!

Patty Westfall is in charge of the Silent Auction and is busy with her baskets and gift giving.

The children's games also could use additional staffing.

Contact Cathy Schneider at the parish office at 913-413-0022 if wish to volunteer or have any questions.



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.

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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.**



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 #:

_____ 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.

MEGA RAFFLE TICKET UPDATE

If you haven't gotten your Mega Raffle ticket, now is the time! Share a ticket or two with a friend or family member!

Our goal is to sell 300 tickets in honor of our 100 year anniversary of the church building. If you would like to purchase a ticket, please call the church office at 913-413-0022.