

Holy Family Church GEMS

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 7, 2025



“...whoever does not
carry their cross and
follow me cannot be
my disciple.”
~ Luke 14:27



KEEPING IN TOUCH

This past week we had monthly Deanery meetings. As you've heard me say before it is always a joy to get together with my brother priests. We had a good meeting and look forward to the year ahead. As one might suspect with the new Archbishop things are going to be a little different. While change can be difficult, we look forward with excitement because we know that we are in a good place because of the past and our foundation is sure.

This coming week I will be away at the National Workshop of Christian Unity. I will speak more about this next week, but in the meantime I ask that you please say a prayer for a safe travel and a good meeting. As always know that I carry you all in my thoughts and 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

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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

IN MEMORIAM

MARY JEAN CORNISH

Mary Jean (Jeannie) Cornish, 82, passed away on September 2, 2025. Her funeral will be held at St. Patrick Church in Kansas City, Kansas on September 12. Visitation from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Rosary 10:15-10:30 a.m. Mass at 10:30 a.m.

Our parish family sends their heartfelt condolences to the Cornish family. Mary Jean was the sister-in-law to parishioners Don Cornish & Jim Cornish.

“Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.”

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 7

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 a.m. Judy Simonich†



Friday, September 12

The Most Holy Name of Mary
8:00 a.m. Anna Marie Dercher†

Saturday, September 13

St. John Chrysostom
3:00 p.m. Confessions
4:00 p.m. People of the Parishes



Sunday, September 14

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
10:30 a.m. Intention for Betty Mulich

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Collection 8/31/25, 10:30 a.m.:

Weekly Envelopes:	\$ 1,137.00
Plate:	44.00
Fuel:	5.00
Candle:	38.00
School Offering:	25.00
Catholic University:	25.00
The Leaven:	25.00
Pew Rent:	10.00
TOTAL STEWARDSHIP:	\$ 1,309.00

Weekly Collection 8/31/25, 12:15 p.m.:

Weekly Envelopes:	\$ 370.00
Plate:	168.00
School Offering:	5.00
Building Maintenance:	10.00
The Leaven:	5.00
Catholic University:	10.00
Pew Rent:	10.00
TOTAL STEWARDSHIP:	\$ 578.00

Other Deposit 9-2-25:

Weekly Envelopes:	\$ 100.00
Fuel:	50.00
School Support:	40.00
Capital Campaign:	500.00
Mega Raffle:	3,100.00
HFAS Reimbursement/Sam's Club:	246.77
Rent - Convent (SOCL):	500.00
Memorial Donation-L. Bartkoski:	50.00
Total Deposit 09-03-25:	\$ 4,586.77

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

SAVE THE DATE

The 6th Annual Strawberry Hill Golf Tournament, Monday, October 6, 2025.! Call Carol Shomin at 913-897-4833 or cshomin@everestkc.net for questions or reservations.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Beatrice Arce, Paul Anselmo, Jim Blair, Steve Blaschke, Robert Bartkoski, Brisimitzakis Family, Steven Brocker, 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., 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 Sopotick, 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 Yadrich, Weslie Mae Zych, & for all those who suffer from alcoholism, cancer, mental health issues and anyone else in need of our prayers.



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 with a meal 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*

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

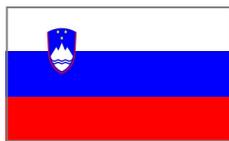
5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Festivities

*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

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.

BOTTLES OF 2 LITER SODA for Children's Ring Toss Game

2 liter Soda bottles are needed for the Ring Toss Game for Slovenefest. So far we have only received 6 bottles total. My goal is 75 to 100 bottles for this popular children's game. Buy brand and off brand soda on sale if you can.

If you have any questions, please call the parish office at 913-413-0022.



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.**



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.