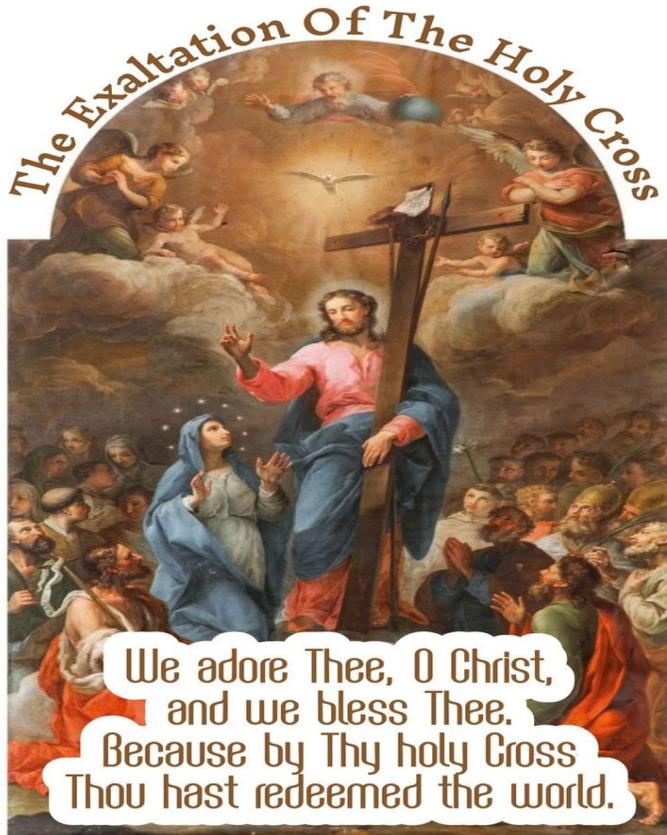


# Holy Family Church GEMS

## The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

### September 14, 2025



## KEEPING IN TOUCH

This past week has been a great week. My travel to and from the National Workshop on Christian Unity was good and uneventful. The National Workshop was a great gathering. It was good to see people that I haven't seen in a while and to meet new people. In addition to the fellowship, we had some great presentations. One of the presentations that we had dealt with the Nicene Creed. This year we celebrate the 1700 anniversary of the creed. This is the creed that we proclaim every Sunday at Mass. We not only looked at the history of it and how it united and divided the Church over the years but we also looked to the faith that it calls us to. Do we really believe what we proclaim? We know the words and we can say them from memory. What is it that we proclaim ... do we live what we proclaim? Something to think about. There were many other topics dealt with over the week and we return home with much to ponder. The Lord prayed that we all may be one. We continue the hard work of seeking the unity of the people of God as we find ourselves in a time where there is great disunity in our world.

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.

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**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

In Memoriam

## TIMOTHY DEPETRE

Age 54

*"Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen."*

Funeral arrangements are pending. Tim was a dear friend of Robert and Marla Serra and Jocelyn Barr.

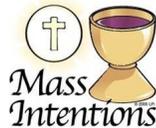
## MASS INTENTIONS

### 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. Ernest Mulich † & Nick Mulich †

### Friday, September 19

8:00 a.m. Charles McBeef †

### Saturday, September 20

*Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon Priest & Paul Cong Ha-sang & Companions, Martyrs*

3:00 p.m. Confessions

4:00 p.m. People of the Parishes

### Sunday, September 21

*Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

10:30 a.m. Linda Bartkoski †

## WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

### Weekly Collection 9/6/25, 4:00 p.m.:

Weekly Envelopes:	\$ 705.00
Plate:	182.00
Candle:	69.00
The Leaven:	20.00
Catholic University:	10.00
<b>TOTAL STEWARDSHIP:</b>	<b>\$ 986.00</b>

### Weekly Collection 9/07/25, 10:30 a.m.:

Weekly Envelopes:	\$ 1,152.00
Plate:	68.00
Fuel:	40.00
Pew Rent:	10.00
<b>TOTAL STEWARDSHIP:</b>	<b>\$ 1,270.00</b>

### Weekly Collection 9/7/25, 12:15 p.m.:

Weekly Envelopes:	\$ 672.00
Plate:	268.00
Pew Rent:	110.00
Catholic University:	150.00
<b>TOTAL STEWARDSHIP:</b>	<b>\$ 1,200.00</b>

### Other Deposit 9-10-25:

Slovenefest Sponsorship:	\$ 200.00
Mega Raffle:	2,900.00
<b>Total Deposit 09-11-25:</b>	<b>\$ 3,100.00</b>

### Other Deposit 9-10-25:

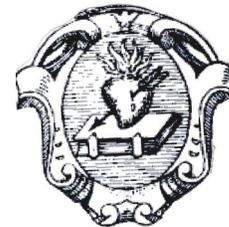
Mass Intention-L. Bartkoski:	\$ 120.00
Memorial Donations-L. Bartkoski:	835.00
<b>Total Deposit 9-11-25:</b>	<b>\$ 955.00</b>

### Other Deposit 9-10-25:

Weekly Envelopes:	\$ 500.00
Mega Raffle:	600.00
Slovenefest Donations:	3,200.00
Slovenefest Sponsorships:	1,100.00
Memorial Donation-L. Bartkoski:	50.00
<b>Total Deposit 9-11-25:</b>	<b>\$ 5,450.00</b>

## 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, Timothy Depetre, 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 Soptick, Jacob Strathman, Matt & Chrissy Stewart, Joe Sutton, Don Swanson, Bennett (McCord) Thingan, 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](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**

## SLOVENEFEFEST 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.

## ASSORTED DESSERT DONATION REQUEST

Assorted dessert donations are needed for the Slovenefest dinner. Please bring dessert donation to the church hall on Friday or Saturday morning the week of Slovenefest.

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



## 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 30 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 #:**

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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.

### **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.



**Featured beer at  
Slovenefest 2025!**

**PROUD SPONSORS OF  
SLOVENEFESE 2025**

Bernadette Horvat  
IMO Joseph & Kristina Horvat

Cathy & Chris Schneider  
IMO Palcher & Rezin Families & Sr. Saba Pistotnik

Connie Kucenic  
IMO Nick Kucenic

Don Cornish  
IMO Cornish & Gergich Families

Ed Roitz (Rojc)

Ivana Morris & David Martin

Jeff Pyle

John & Missy Wiber  
IMO Frank, Josie, Keith & David Anzek

Anonymous  
IMO Adolph, Mary, Vincent & Rose Wolf

Karolyn Tomasic

Kathryn A. (Lastelic) Zunick  
IMO The Lastelic Family

Kent & Terri McCord  
IMO Ralph Chambers

Linda Macek  
IMO Anthony Macek, Sr.

Mike & Sandy Cannon  
Paul & Shelley O'Boynick

Peter J. Novosel

Regina McBee  
IMO Charles McBee

Richard & Sheri Schutte  
Rick & Susan Robards

Sandy Simonich  
IMO Ray & Paula Simonich

Sarah Simonich Lee

Theresa Jaksetic  
IMO Don & JoAnn Lipovac

Tom & Patty Westfall

Tony Kovach  
IMO The Kovach Family

**It's still not too late to sponsor Slovenefest!  
Send in your sponsorship ASAP. Names will be  
featured on a special banner.**



A ONE-DAY

**NUPTIAL CHARITY RETREAT**

YOKED TOGETHER IN CHRIST



Fr. Stefan Zarnay, DCJM  
Marriage & Family Expert  
Theologian and Pastor

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18**

8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

McAllister Board Room, Ferrell Academic Center

Cost is **\$75** per couple. Lunch included.

**Register Today!**

